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speaks at
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rally

District holds
second session on
possible job and
program cutbacks

ALBANY — Assemblywoman
Dion Aroner, D-Berkeley, has thrown
support behind teachers in their
fight for a 10 percent pay raise.

Aroner joined the Albany Teach-
ers Association and California Teach-
ers Association representatives in a
meeting encouraging teachers to stick
to their leadership.

Aroner told a crowd of about 200
teachers, parents and students at the
Albany Middle School gym Monday
that the extra money state lawmak-
ers intended to increase teacher
pay.

"We were very clear about that,"
said. "That's the message we
want to send the school board today:
The money is for teachers."

Berkeley Federation of Teachers
Mary Fike also showed his support,
for another reason.

When Berkeley teachers negoti-
ated a raise last year, they accepted
agreement in which their pay
would be locked into a formula
for other districts, including Albany.

Contract negotiations between the
Albany Unified School District and



LIAM BISHOP played on the gym floor during the spirit rally at Albany Middle School, Tuesday, Feb. 11, supporting the teachers' negotiations with the district.

have been intensifying in recent
weeks, with both sides lobbying hard
for community support.

At a forum last week, district of-
ficials said a raise would endanger
the financial stability of the district
unless the district cuts jobs and pro-
grams.

The district received about \$1.5
million in new, unrestricted state
funding this year, but all but \$350,000
has been budgeted for new expenses.
A second session to discuss possible
budget cuts was scheduled last night
at Ocean View Elementary School.

A member of the CTA board of di-
rectors told the crowd the dispute is
symptomatic of a statewide problem,
saying, "Cutting programs pits
schools against one another."

The talks reached an impasse in
December and are continuing under

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STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN Dion Aroner showed support for Albany teachers at a rally at the middle school Tuesday.

Paring begins to put Swim Center plan back within budget

Current estimate exceeds available funds by more than \$3 million

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The "bells and whistles" are being removed from the project budget as the Swim Center Subcommittee struggles to reconcile a higher Swim Center cost estimate that far exceeds funds available from last year's Measure A.

"We've got champagne tastes and a beer budget," was how City Councilwoman Kathleen Perka characterized the problem.

In March of last year voters narrowly approved Measure A to fund a new \$4.9 million Swim Center along with other improvements at city park facilities. The original Swim Center estimate was later found to be too low and was pegged last month at \$8.1 million.

As a result the City Council formed a subcommittee to study the problem and recommend ways to focus on reconstructing the swimming pools themselves to reduce costs. Other funding sources such as community fund-raising, corporate sponsorships and grants will also be ex-

plored.

The subcommittee is chaired by Councilwoman Janet Abelson and includes Perka, city community services staff members, of the Park and Recreation Commissioners, Design Review Board members and representatives from the architectural and management firms for the Swim Center reconstruction project.

Working with architects from Ellerbe Becket and a project director from Pacific Program Management Inc., the subcommittee reviewed a less expensive plan for the Swim Center at its Feb. 8 meeting. Many items included in the original design have been reduced or removed from the latest schematic as not central to the Swim Center project.

Interim City Manager Susan Westman said at the subcommittee meeting that these non-central items will be addressed, but that their funding may come from other, non-Measure A, sources.

Items not budgeted in the "reduced schematic" the subcommittee reviewed include an emergency generator for the Community Center, the children's water play structure, Community Center/Swim Center parking lot resurfacing, a multipurpose room, a second "summer" entryway to the pools, temporary offices, trellis/shade structures, some

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Solano clock will honor 'Mr. Albany'

By Dave Greer

CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — Jerome Blank will be honored by installation of a handsome clock on the southwest corner of Solano and Kains avenues. The clock stands a half inch shy of 15 feet and will be topped by the inscription "Mr. Albany."

"A group of friends came together to honor Jerome Blank for his many contributions to the city," said Albany administrative assistant Ann Ritzma. At last September's Solano Stroll, Blank was one of a group of leading citizens designated as "local legacies" for helping make Albany a better place in which to live and work.

Blank has lived in Albany since 1925, when he was five years. He is a veteran of World War II, and subsequently became one of the most prominent real estate people in the area.

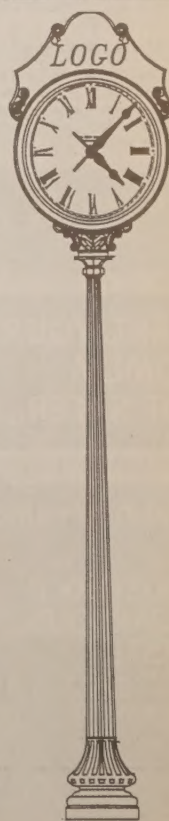
A former member of the Albany City Council and mayor, Blank has served on numerous commissions and committees and been a major figure in local politics and civic affairs for half a century.

The clock is two-faced and three feet wide. One side will be visible from the street and the other from the sidewalk. A bicycle rack on Solano Avenue will be removed to accommodate the timekeeper.

Installation of the non-chiming electric clock is slated for early March. The city will pay for its installation and maintenance, but the timepiece itself is being purchased by contributions from Blank's many friends. "The clock costs \$12,000 and so far we have \$9,000 in contributions," Ritzma said.

People who wish to help complete the clock fund may make checks payable to the City of Albany and send them to the City Administrator's Office, Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo, Albany CA 94706. Notation that the check is for the clock should be made on it.

"We hope to have all contributors in by March 1," Ritzma said.



CONTRIBUTED GRAPHIC
THIS SKETCH is of a handsome clock that will be installed on Solano Avenue to honor local Realtor Jerome Blank. The logo will read, "Mr. Albany."

Energy crisis may have upside for city coffers

Energy price hikes mean increased utility users tax revenue

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The state energy crisis and resulting higher energy prices combined with the utility users tax could result in a revenue windfall for the city.

In the 2000-2001 El Cerrito budget, revenues from the 8 percent utility users tax are listed at \$1,925,000, an amount that could be significantly higher for the upcoming fiscal year.

At the request of Councilman

Mark Friedman the City Council discussed El Cerrito's energy conservation efforts and the utility users tax at its Feb. 5 meeting.

"El Cerrito has not experienced any rolling blackouts; however, we are prepared if that should happen," Bruce King, maintenance and engineering services manager told the council while outlining the city's conservation efforts. King said El Cerrito, like other cities in the state, is striving to reduce its energy consumption by 7 percent as requested by the League of California Cities and the governor.

"We reduced our lighting levels at City Hall and at other facilities," King said. "We've asked all the department heads to reduce lighting where possible at their facilities. During lunch hour the lights at City Hall and all

the machinery are turned off."

King said the city also plans to change its traffic signal lights to LED-type lights that use less energy than the standard bulbs. He also pointed out that this spring El Cerrito hopes to do a "comprehensive streetlight audit" to identify older energy inefficient street lights.

During discussions of the city's utility users tax, Joe Grossman, chairman of the city's Economic Development Board, presented his own plan to the council that would keep the tax essentially revenue-neutral.

Grossman suggested stabilizing revenues generated by the tax at the year 2000 baseline, after adjusting for inflation and consumption variables. The utility users tax rate would be variable and could be adjusted upward or downward to stabilize the

revenue generated at about the year 2000 level.

Earlier this week Grossman said it may not be easy to legally implement a plan such as he suggested. "I put it before the council . . . that was kind of just saying it's time for you people to take some action," Grossman said. "At least put a plan together and see how the numbers fall out so you know what to do when you see the money." Friedman said that the city could use some of the unexpected tax revenue for city-wide conservation programs. "Helping homeowners, particularly senior citizens and people on fixed incomes, with weather-stripping, caulking of windows, insulation," Friedman suggested. He said the city-wide con-

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New book offers insight for non-traditional parents

By Joaquin McPeak

STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Brill is going where Dr. Brill is not. The book "The Queer Parent Primer" is going where the world of child rearing and parental guidance has not.

The lesbian mother of two, soon to be three, released the "Queer Parent Primer" yesterday, a comprehensive "how-to" book that looks into the world of gay, lesbian, bisexual

and transgender parenting.

"The perception of 'we're no different' is a wonderful perception, but in reality we have so many different issues that we face that make us different," Brill said.

The book emphasizes the everyday parental issues that GLBT families may face.

Chapters on creating gay family celebrations, instilling pride in children, and new family structures attempt to deal with those situations, but Brill also feels it can lend guidance to straight relatives involved with the GLBT parents.

"From reading the book, I think people will gain compassion and insight to the parents and children and it deepens the understanding to everyone involved," she said.

While many may be new to the subject of GLBT parenting, Brill is not.

Besides raising her 10- and 2-year-old girls with her partner, the 32-year-old Brill was a co-founder of the Berkeley-based Maia Midwifery, the only gay focused midwifery and birthpractice resource center in the country.

The center began catering exclusively to the gay community in 1993, an example of the recent interest in GLBT parenting.

An estimated 50 percent of all coupled lesbians have or will have children, while 51-percent of urban, gay men express a desire to become parents, according to Colleen Miller of New Harbinger Publications, who coincidentally is publishing Brill's primer.

"Just in the past 10 years there has been a huge change. I have a lot of hope that there will be more information and families will feel much safer in the next 10 years," Brill said.

Brill said her motivation for authoring the primer was to help those GLBT parents who feel like they are in isolation, a situation she once knew all too well.

When her 10-year-old was 2, she recalls going to great lengths to cross the street and get phone numbers from other lesbian couples she would see who had children.

She can still count on one hand the number of 10-year-olds being raised in a gay household.

Now Brill said she is seeing at least two or three children of gay parents in preschool classes.

"Those sheer numbers alone give people a lot of encouragement and the confidence to start a family," Brill said.

The book lends itself to those in the GLBT community who may have

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Opinion

ENJOY PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND

GEORGE,
WATCH OUT FOR
THAT TREE!

HONEST,
ABE?



SO THAT'S WHY
IT'S CALLED
PRESIDENTS'
WEEKEND.



CHERRY?
TREE?



PROFESSOR WARREN F. LEE displays his new history of Albany and environs. In the background is one of the second generation of buildings in University Village, which is central to the book.

New history book, street sweeper for Albany

Albany is a little city, but it has a rich and colorful history that has fascinated Professor Warren F. Lee and his wife Catherine T. Lee. These distinguished scholars have labored long and are now ready to market a carefully researched work entitled, "A Selective History of the Codornices University Village, The City of Albany and Environs."

This is the first history by professional historians to focus on Albany. Its 428 pages contain some 600 photographs and many maps, cartoons, advertisements and other documents that give the flavor of the times. A chronology lists important dates and events in and about Albany from 3428 B.C. through 1999. Everything from mass migrations through politics, natural catastrophes, and murders, can be found here.

Professor Lee who has had a lifelong interest in and involvement with railroads, first became interested in the history of the 12.1 miles of railroad that connected the World War II Richmond shipyards with the "temporary" housing for these and other wartime workers in Codornices Village overlooking the Albany-Berkeley area.

In 1992, while a research associate in the Department of History at the University of California, Lee and his wife moved into what had been since become housing for UC Berkeley students and teachers. They lived there for six years.

While most of us saw nothing but UC Village's ugly, barracks-like buildings designed to last five or six years, this historian peered back into time and realized its immense significance in winning World War II.

"Construction of cargo ships in Richmond yards was vital to the war effort as without them we would not have been able to move men and materials overseas," Lee said. And it was necessary to provide housing for the yard workers in this housing facility and in two other smaller ones in Richmond and Berkeley.

When Lee began research on the subject in 1992, he saw it as no more than a pamphlet, but soon realized what a deep historical vein he had struck. He hoped to have a book on the market several years ago, but the printer's office in Albuquerque, N.M., was buried and much of the work, which was on discs, disappeared. Lee then undertook the Herculean task of rewriting about 60 percent of the book. Looking on



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the bright side, the professor says no information was lost and the delay allowed chronicling of later events.

Lee says he is in the process of planning marketing and distribution of the book, which he hopes to have in local book stores soon. People who want to get a copy early can contact him at 510-526-4697 or 510-799-7909.

The book is just \$29 as Lee only hopes to clear expenses. He writes histories — and he has authored two other books and numerous articles — to bring out the significance of places and events that have not previously received professional historical treatment.

Currently Lee lives in Hercules, but takes care of his two grandchildren who live in Albany and attend school here. He also teaches history courses, including one in Chinese history, at Chapman University, Concord Center.

The historian would like to have book signings locally. He hopes this works out and gives people interested in the history of this city and environs a chance to talk with this distinguished and charming man. Not only is Warren Lee amazingly knowledgeable on a wide range of subjects, he is an original thinker unencumbered by the intellectual correctness now in vogue.

GARBAGE FEES ON THE RISE: Garbage collection rates are going up in Albany. That's the bad news. The good news is that the city plans to get a new street sweeper out of it and use it more often.

The City Council voted unanimously to approve a monthly increase of 4.60 percent (68 cents) for 2001, 4.55 percent for 2002 (70 cents), and 4.55 percent for 2003 (73 cents) on a 32-gallon can. With an average increase over three years of 70 cents a month, the yearly bill will average \$8.40 more. Increases for senior citizens in the three years of the contract will be 51 cents, 55 cents, and 51 cents.

For this year and the following two years garbage removal rates will be \$15.35, \$16.05 and \$16.78 a month. Seniors will pay \$11.57, \$12.14 and \$12.69. Green waste and recycling rates are separate from garbage rates and increase

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EBMUD vote is nonsense

When Sacramento flushes, we drink.

Recently, our East Bay Municipal Utility District board of directors, with a vote of six to zero, voted to pump our American River water allocation from Freepoint (downstream from Sacramento) to Nimbus (six miles upstream from Sacramento). Why?

The eco-freaks thought the cleaner water was too good for us. We should have our American River water allocation, which is only 150,000 acre feet (5 percent of the flow) per year, filtered through Sacramento, into the Sacramento River, and carried through the Sacramento sewage discharge outlet for a much better flavor. It is guaranteed that after Sacramento sewage is processed, it is clean and drinkable.

Thirty years ago, we signed a contract to receive this extra water for drought protection. It was a good and very logical plan. We would use the existing Folsom South Canal for 19 miles and then construct a new pipeline for 18 miles to meet our existing aqueducts below Comanche Reservoir, which would carry this American River water into Buckhorn Reservoir. The eco-freaks killed Buckhorn after we voters passed this needed drought protection plan.

The eco-freaks said Buckhorn would kill the Alameda whipsnake. But they didn't say that we would have more frogs and fish.

Let's thank the six EBMUD directors for their vote. We already spent \$30 million of our money on defeated plans and attorneys' fees for nothing. Now we must build a very expensive new pipeline to move this Sacramento flavored water into our system.

Thank you, EBMUD. In case of drought,

we are now protected. But first, we need extra flushes from the Sacramento low-flush toilets.

Sidney Steinberg
Berkeley

Destroying our rights

The religious left has completely devastated our California quality of life. They have made eco-gods out of our animals, birds, snakes, frogs, bugs, salamanders, weeds, wet lands, "open space," and so on.

For the last 40 years, we have been brainwashed by the religious left to the point that most of our human property rights are almost gone.

I know most of us disagree with the religious right. We want logical drug laws, free women's choice, free sex partner choice, and the right to work and live where we choose. Fortunately, we have moved away from these right-wing bigots. But now it is worse!

The eco-zealots have made it impossible for us to buy a house. They have doubled our apartment rents, they have made our highways parking lots, tripled our electric costs, doubled our gasoline costs and heating costs, and regulated our land use, water and agriculture to the point that 54 percent of our farmers are on the brink of bankruptcy.

They have eliminated the timber industry when California has more trees than we had 100 years ago, and they have eliminated the mining industry and heavy industry to the point that most of our manufactured goods are from foreign countries.

And we have accepted all of these human rights violations by saying, "We are saving the earth!"

This is a lie. We are not injuring the earth. We are destroying human rights, and we have destroyed our California lifestyle in favor of a religious cult — the religious left.

The first sentence of the First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." Now that we have allowed the religious left to take over our government, our human constitutional rights are gone.

Our California lifestyle will continually be worse until our freedom and liberty are destroyed.

Ella Jensen
El Cerrito

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VIEWPOINT

Go back to the table

This is a statement made at the Albany School Board meeting on Tuesday by David De Hart, president of the Albany Teachers Association:

School Boardmember Bill Cain is quoted in the Feb. 9 Journal as stating "the ATA is not presenting the full picture to teachers. Cain calls the teachers' health plan a 'Cadillac' compared to other districts, saying the deal is an example of why their package is more costly than elsewhere."

First off, it was my hope that you were misquoted. It is arrogant statements like this one that have characterized the board's attitude and is one of the reasons why we

do not have a settlement. It shows absolute disrespect for teachers.

At best, you are insinuating that I am purposely misleading my members; that I am not disclosing to them the real truth. You ought to be ashamed Bill. We do not need to mislead our members because the facts speak for themselves.

At worst, you have insulted every teacher in the district, but that is nothing new. You are insinuating that they do not have the ability to figure out things on their own, that wily me is pulling the wool over the eyes of my members and leading the troops astray. It is too bad that you really do not know me Bill, or that you do not have more respect for teachers.

Your comment sounds as if teachers really do not deserve a Cadillac, that our benefits are just too good for us. Well, believe me, I know plenty of teachers in other districts that not only have the Cadillac plan, they received double-digit raises too. In fact, I could never call it the Cadillac, but maybe the Chevy. Perhaps the best term is proper benefits.

Our members understand that our benefits are at the proper level because every time we negotiate, the board reminds us of our benefits package, and that is one of the reasons we are paid such low salaries compared to other districts. We know we have proper benefits because we are only asking for 7-1/2 percent in our pockets this year instead of the double digit raises everyone else is getting.

Perhaps I could accept the term

Cadillac if our benefits did not end at age 65. Give us lifetime benefits like the teachers in West Contra Costa County get in addition to their double digit raise and then I might agree with you.

Just keep in mind, school board members, it is this kind of arrogance reflected in the article that divides you further and further from the teachers and the community. You are totally out of touch with reality and holding on to some ridiculous process that only makes things worse.

Stop the stalling and scare tactics. If you really want to do what is right for the students, teachers, and community, you will get back to the table immediately if not sooner and give the teachers of Albany a fair raise.

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Mardi Gras coming to Community Center

EL CERRITO — Come join the fun at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane, from 6-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, as a little of New Orleans comes to the East Bay at a festive Mardi Gras program presented by Celebrating Culture & Community and Sonjay's Productions.

The event highlights the history of Mardi Gras, a parade of costumes, dancing and singing. Another plus will be a one-night special presentation of fashions by Aminawar and Sonjay's Productions. Traditional clothing from our diverse communities will also be a high point of the show. SP Dancers, Chocolate Kisses, Chocolate Drops and Chocolate Delights will show their stuff with praise dancing, tap, jazz and modern dance.

The cost of the event is \$15. Half of all proceeds will go to support CC&C Sister Cities event. Youth groups presenting some of the dances will also benefit.

For more information, call Sonjay Odds-Eggleton, 510-757-4077.

Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary names new officers

EL CERRITO — The Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary will honor its newly elected officers and its new members at the annual Spring Luncheon slated for March 28 at the Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito.

Officers serving a second term this year include Betty Altfillisch, Kensington, president; Betty Thal, Kensington, and Madeline Doran, Berkeley, hospitalty co-chairs; Rosslyn Alston, Berkeley, recording secretary; Barbara Gamba, Berkeley, treasurer; and Page Griffin, Berkeley, membership chair. New to office this year are Katharine Foley, Berkeley, first vice president (orthodontist); Sally Eustis, Berkeley, second vice president (special projects donations); Evelyn Hayes, Berkeley, corresponding secretary; and Barbara Porter, Berkeley, and Dorothy Zwayer, Emeryville, who will serve as co-chairs of the Turnabout Shop for 2001-2002.

New members of the Auxiliary being honored at the luncheon are Betsy Kelly, Albany; Margaret Jaekle, El Cerrito; and Elisabeth De Voegelaere, Anne Karst, and Pat Springer, all of Berkeley.

Auxiliary members staff and manage the Turnabout Shop at 110052 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito. All staff time and merchandise are donated, and proceeds from sales go for health care needs in local communities. The principal project since 1954 has been helping to provide critical orthodontia care for needy local children.

Donations of merchandise from the community are always welcome. The thrift shop has new hours. It will be open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information call 510-525-7844.

Free NEAT 'Survivor' course

EL CERRITO — The Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams program in El Cerrito and Kensington offers a comprehensive emergency preparedness survival course that includes hands-on practice of fire fighting, medical triage, search and rescue, and other skills.

The course is offered four consecutive Thursday evenings from 7:15-9:15 p.m. from March 15 through April 5, with the hands-on skills practice session on Saturday, April 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Topics covered include home and neighborhood preparedness and organization, structural and non-structural hazard mitigation, utility control, fire suppression, hazardous materials awareness, emergency communications, disaster medicine

and psychology, damage assessment, and search and rescue.

The course is free. For location and reservation, call Pat Caflet, 510-525-7268.

Botanic garden lecture on early natural history

"East Bay Natural History at First European Contact" is the subject of a free lecture at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 24 at Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park.

The botanic garden is at Wildcat Canyon Road and South Park Drive.

The botanic garden conducts free, docent-led tours at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The tours meet in front of the visitors' center in the garden.

The botanic garden's annual native plant sale will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 21. The sale affords the public an opportunity to purchase drought-resistant and unique California native plants at low cost.

Call 510-841-8732 for more information.

Contra Costa youth sought for violence prevention

The Contra Costa County Health Services division is looking for young people who want to make a difference in their communities by joining the county's violence prevention effort.

Through a grant from the California Department of Health Services, the county's Violence Prevention Project will be able to hold two youth summits, the first of which will take place this summer.

The summits will address how young people experience violence, and what can be done to prevent it.

Young people are also being recruited for the Youth Watch Network, a group that will track what their peers are listening to, watching, reading or playing.

To sign up for the Youth Watch Network, or to find out more about the upcoming summit, contact Toni Guy at 925-313-6826.

Spring Song and Arts Festival is March 4

ALBANY — The Spring Song and Arts Festival will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Albany Veteran's Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave., Memorial Park, Albany.

Activities for the whole family include arts and crafts-making, a silent auction, and special music for all ages with singer Betsy Rose in concert at 1:30 p.m. She brings her special blend of wisdom, humor, and heart that invites the whole family to sing along and celebrate the earth, the power of love and the magic of childhood. Admission is \$6 per person/\$10 per family. The festival is a fund-raiser for Crestmont School, a parent co-op elementary school. For more information, call Billie Warden at 510-237-4164.

CORRECTION

The Feb. 9 story "Albany Approves Garbage Fee Hike" reported an incorrect amount of the rate increase. The correct increase per 32-gallon can is \$0.68 in 2001, \$0.70 in 2002, and \$0.73 in 2003. The Journal regrets the error.

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City covers 'overhead' cost for new roof

Last week the City Council approved \$174,670 for a new roof for the Public Safety Building. The majority of the money will come from the city's capital facilities maintenance reserve fund, but Federal Emergency Management Agency funds will also provide \$29,741 towards the new roof.

The job will be done by Enterprise Roofing and will include replacing the existing clay tile roof with a new concrete tile roof. The copper rain gutters and down-spouts will also be repaired. A preliminary project completion date of June 21, 2001, was given by the roofing company.

Responding to a question from the council, Steve Mitchell, the city's building official, pointed out that the county, which owns a small part of the Public Safety Building, will be billed for 15 percent of the cost of the new roof.

Program takes aim at graffiti

Members of the West County Alliance spoke to the City Council last week to promote their graffiti removal hotline. "You see it; you

phone; we clean," read the alliance's anti-graffiti stickers. The number is 1-877-GRAFFITI (graffiti is spelled with one "f" in the hotline to fit the phone number requirement).

Hermann Weim, speaking for the alliance, encouraged people to call the hotline whenever they see graffiti to have it removed as quickly as possible.

"Graffiti is one of the most damaging things that can happen to a community," Weim said. "It creates a negative image; it creates a sense of danger and unwelcomeness to visitors" he added.

Weim said the alliance recognized early on that graffiti is a problem in West County and that the quicker graffiti is removed the better. "The commitment of all the jurisdictions, including the city of El Cerrito and the public works department, is to clean it up as rapidly as possible after getting notification."

The West County Alliance is a consortium of public relations, media and communications professionals who represent corporations, cities and public jurisdictions in West Contra Costa County. Members include The Mechanics Bank, Hilltop Mall, the school district, the Arts and Cultural Commission, the West County Times and the five West County Cities, including El Cerrito.

EL CERRITO NEWSLINE

Repairs planned for sidewalks at BART stations

Community Development Director Jill Keimach and Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager Bruce King recently met with BART representatives about the poor condition of sidewalks around the city's two BART stations.

"BART staff will be requesting that the BART Board of Directors allocate all the funds necessary to construct all new sidewalks and replace sections of the damaged curb and gutters around the perimeter of the two stations," Keimach said to the City Council in a report last week.

Because the sidewalks have been damaged by the eucalyptus trees and other large trees in landscaped areas, Keimach said BART is proposing to remove all the trees along the west side of Key Boulevard and Liberty Street and replace them with 59 "sidewalk-friendly" Ginkgo biloba trees.

She reported that although removing the mature trees may reduce future sidewalk damage, the trees help screen the parking lot from surrounding residential areas. "Staff believes a number of the existing mature trees in the landscaped area

behind the sidewalk should not be removed," Keimach told the council. King will meet with BART staff at the Del Norte station to make the case for saving as many of the trees as possible.

BART also plans to increase lighting at both BART stations. "At the Del Norte, additional lighting is proposed along San Pablo Avenue and the Ohlone Greenway," Keimach said. "At the Plaza BART station, additional lighting is proposed around the perimeter of all the parking lots," she reported. "As all construction projects, the work is likely to be reduced to construction costs are determined," Keimach added.

Parking enforcement update

Police Chief Scott Kirkland reported last week that his Department has hired a third parking enforcement representative. Donald McLen, who worked for Zellerbach Paper Products in Hayward from December 1968 until his retirement in October 1998, began his employment with the city on Feb. 6.

"We are excited that we were able to find such a quality person who has come Don to the city and the Department," Kirkland said.

ALBANY NEWSLINE

City finance director departs, replacement search starts

Albany is launching a search for a new finance and administrative services director to replace Joan Streit, who left last month after roughly two years in the position.

The position is responsible for the management of the city's overall operating and capital improvement budgets. Streit was also responsible for the city's information systems, phones and other communication systems.

"We're interviewing people for the interim," said interim city administrator Tom Sinclair, who will be leaving his own position later this month.

"It will probably take three or four months to fill the permanent position." Beth Pollard, Albany's new city administrator, will be heading up the search.

None of the current candidates are employees with the city.

The Finance and Administrative Services Department monitors the city's fiscal operations. This includes accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, business licenses, tax permits, and other business and residential transactions.

The department compiles all the city's major financial reports: income statements, balance sheets, trial balances and other general ledger functions, and compiles and reconciles general fixed assets.

Other day-to-day operations in-

clude addressing Albany's long-term financial operations.

That means developing five-year revenue and expenditure forecasts, mid-year budget reviews and revisions, cost analyses of labor contracts, general budgetary oversight and control, grant funding, debt issuance, and fiscal administration of the Albany Public Facilities Financing Authority, as well as capital improvement projects such as lighting and landscaping, streets, sewer and capital facilities.

Streit's last day was Jan. 19.

Maris speaking to LWV

Albany Mayor Allan Maris will be speaking about the city's approach to youth services at the Albany Public Library on Thursday, March 8.

Several years ago, Albany adopted a "Youth Master Plan" to set goals and objectives for youth-related activities and to coordinate the spectrum of wide programs for young people.

Maris, a member of LWV (League of Women Voters of Albany, Albany and Emeryville), will give an update on the progress and effectiveness of the plan so far.

The talk will take place in the library's Edith Stone Room, at 1000 Marin Ave., at the corner of Marin Avenue.

Closed for the day

Albany city offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of President's Day.

Police

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Street, loudly claiming to be an Oakland police officer. She has since been cleared.

■ A 35-year-old woman fled a Wells Fargo Bank on 9800 San Pablo Ave. after allegedly attempting to cash a stolen check. No arrest has been made.

■ The night of Jan. 31, an in-dash stereo and rear deck speakers were "neatly" stolen from a Buick Skylark parked on the 6700 block of Fairmont Avenue, according to police.

Someone reportedly used a coat hanger to unlock the car, tearing the weather strip on the driver's side of the car.

■ According to a 34-year-old woman, a man who appeared to be in his mid-30s stole a battery tester worth \$150 from her open garage on the 900 block of Kearney Street and took off on foot, the afternoon of Feb. 6.

On Feb. 8 at 9:30 p.m. a 31-year-old man was arrested for breaking

into and burglarizing a car parked on the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard, as well as possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

According to a police report, police Sgt. Michael Regan came across a car with the window smashed out, and broadcast a description of the suspect when he saw him fleeing the area to the other on-duty officers.

Sgt. Peter Statton was able to stop and detain the subject shortly afterwards. Subsequent investigation revealed that property had been removed from the parked vehicle.

■ A 26-year-old man was arrested

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He was one of that small group of idealistic young Americans who realized that Hitler was all about, long before most of their countrymen wised up to the danger, and decided to fight the Nazi menace where it first reared its ugly head: in Spain, where the democratically elected republic was overthrown by Hitler's puppet, Francisco Franco. Today, many historians regard the Spanish civil war as the opening battle of World War II.

It was an unfair fight. The western democracies (including our own) chickened out and refused to join the fight to help the Republican side, while Hitler and Mussolini gleefully poured in troops, tanks and planes to support the Fascist side.

Franco's forces were well supplied with a state-of-the-art arsenal: Stuka dive bombers, Messerschmitt fighters, Panther tanks, Krupp 88 mm guns. The Republican forces had to make do with rifles left over from the 1903 Russo-Japanese war — weapons that were already obsolete by World War I, let alone World War II.

The Republican government issued a desperate call for volunteers, and 2,800 Americans answered the call. They called themselves the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

The most famous of them all was actually a fictional character: Robert Jordan, the hero of Ernest Hemingway's novel, "For Whom the Bell Tolls." (He was played by Gary Cooper in the movie.)

But Robert Jordan was modeled on two real people whom Hemingway met in Spain. One was a



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teaching assistant at Cal named Frank Merryman, who was killed in action.

The other was Milt Wolff, the Lincoln Brigade's last commander. He not only survived the fighting in Spain (despite several close calls, which I'll tell you about later), he also fought behind enemy lines in World War II for the OSS, the forerunner of the CIA. And he's very much alive and well and living in El Cerrito. Hemingway described Wolff as "tall as Lincoln, as good as Lincoln; as brave and as good a soldier as any that commanded battalions at Gettysburg." Today, Wolff is still tall, still gaunt, and still fearless about speaking his mind.

For one thing, he makes no bones about the fact that he thinks Hemingway got it all wrong.

"He was just a tourist," says Wolff. "I met him after my first action, at the battle of Brunete. I was in a bar called the Cafe Chicote, trying to get a drink, when that (expletive deleted) came over and offered to buy me a drink."

"He was sitting with a few friends, including Herb Matthews of the New York Times and Vincent Shean of the Chicago Tribune, and a very attractive Spanish lady."

"He kept pumping me for details about the battle of Brunete, but I tried to tell him as little as possible. We were all worried about security leaks. Besides, to tell the truth, I was more interested in talking to the Spanish lady."

"To make a long story short, the Spanish lady and I left, and we spent a lot of time together. I didn't think anything more about Hemingway, but a few days later I heard from him. He asked me to

come over and check out some stuff he'd written."

Over the next few months, their conversations became source material for "For Whom the Bell Tolls." But when the book came out, Wolff found fault with Hemingway's version of events.

"He was terribly unfair to Andre Marti and Dolores Iruabe, whom we called 'La Pasionaria,'" says Wolff. "He also blamed the collapse of the Republic on military bureaucracy, not the Nazi Air Force and blockade, which is a slander on the Abraham Lincoln Brigade."

Like most writers (including yours truly), Hemingway didn't take criticism well. He accused Wolff of "not knowing Marx from his (a body part which I can't print in a family newspaper, but I'll give you a hint: It wasn't his elbow)."

But they made it up before Hemingway died, and Hemingway apologized. For his part, Wolff admits, "Hemingway" also did a lot of good."

Wolff fought in almost every major battle of the civil war, eventually becoming the Lincoln Brigade's last commander (at the tender age of 23, which should tell you something about the brigade's casualty rate).

He narrowly escaped death more times than he cares to count. Once, he accidentally boarded the wrong transport ship. The ship he should have been on was sunk, with all hands lost, a few minutes later.

Another time, he was the last man to board an airplane; but he was so tall, there wasn't enough room. So he had to wait for the next plane. The plane he was originally to be on was shot down later that day. All aboard were killed.

In all one out of every four Americans who went to Spain never came back. Hemingway wrote their epitaph: "No man ever entered the earth more honorably than those who died in Spain."

And what was the Abraham Lincoln Brigade's reward for their foresight and courage when they got back home? They were pilloried by right-wingers as "prematurely anti-fascist" (1) and persecuted by their own government.

Wolff was hauled before the infamous House Un-American Activities Committee and threatened with prison if he didn't "name names." (To his credit, he refused.) Many Abraham Lincoln veterans were blacklisted or hounded out of their jobs during the McCarthy era.

In fact, they didn't receive any official recognition of their heroism until last summer, when the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution allowing a monument to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade to be placed in Harry Bridges Plaza on the waterfront.

Today, there are only about 100 veterans left. On Sunday, Feb. 25, they will gather for what could be their last reunion, at the Calvin Simmons Theater in downtown Oakland. Their guest of honor will be Bob Moses, the saintly civil rights worker who led the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer voter registration drive. And you are most cordially invited.

The day will begin with a luncheon buffet at noon, followed by the ceremonies at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 for the whole day, or \$20 for the program only. To reserve your ticket or get more information, call 510-548-3088.

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OBITUARY

Odette Meyers dies at 66

Odette Meyers, long time Berkeley resident, writer, teacher, and community activist died on Feb. 2 at age 66. Odette is survived by her daughter, Anat Silvera, who lives in the Bay Area, and son, Daniel Meyers, a documentary filmmaker and lives between Paris and Berkeley, as well as her sister, Anne-Marie Miller, and parents, George and Bertha Miller, all living in Berkeley.

Odette was born in Paris, France on Nov. 12, 1934 to progressive, non-religious Jewish parents. She and her mother survived World War II by being hidden in two Catholic villages of German-occupied France. Her father survived the war after four and a half years in German prisoner of war camps. In 1949 she immigrated to the United States with her parents and infant sister.

She was married in 1957 to Los Angeles poet, Bert Meyers who died in 1979. Odette received a Ph.D. in French Literature at UC Riverside, 1971. During the 1970s she taught French, French literature, Surrealism, Women's Studies, and French African literature at several different Claremont Colleges and at the Claremont Black Studies Center in Southern California. She taught at UC Santa Cruz in 1974-75 and at UC Berkeley and the UC Berkeley extension from 1981 to 2000.

Meyers' other professional work in the Bay Area included a wide range of activities that all demonstrated her commitment to community involvement and progressive politics. She worked at the Albany Berkeley Independent Elder's Net-

work and helped start the East Bay program of Christmas in April. She also worked at the Northern California Gray Panthers and the California Teachers Association. She was also active, since 1983, in Holocaust Education and spoke with children in schools throughout Northern California. She was co-founder of Yaldei Hashoah, a Bay Area child survivor group and in 1989 was on the founding board, then since '95 president of "Tikvah", intergenerational survivors groups of the greater Bay Area and was first editor and continuing contributor to "Tikvah News".

She appeared in a number of documentaries including: "The Courage to Care — rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust", nominated for an Academy Award in 1986.

Her writings included "Doors to Madame Marie" (University of Washington Press 1997), a childhood memoir World War II (in print), "The Enchanted Umbrella" (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 1988) A children's book written by Odette and illustrated by Margot Zemach. To My Dybbuk one of three unpublished books of poetry.

Friends, ex-students, colleagues, and family remember Meyers as a warm generous spirit. There will be a memorial service on Feb. 18, at 2 p.m., at the Northbra Community Church in Berkeley at 941, the Alameda. The event will be a reading from her memoirs and her poetry, as well as comments by family and friends.

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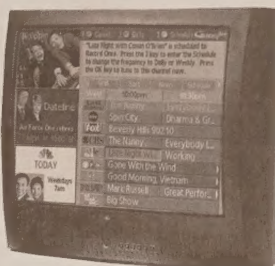
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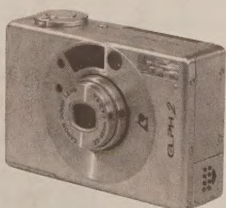


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ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein
CORRESPONDENT

Albany PTA Council

Feb. 26, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library. Topic: Disaster Preparedness

Albany High School

- Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Ruth Gjerdie at ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu
- Feb. 20, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 23, Sadie Hawkins Dance, 7 - 11 p.m., VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to CHAPERONE, 7-9p.m. or 9-11p.m. shifts, call Ms. Ashley at 559-6550 ext. 4212 or e-mail Mr.

Booker at RABooker@aol.com

- March 2-4, March 9-11, Musical "West Side Story," Thurs. & Fri. 8 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m., AHS Little Theater, reserve tickets now by calling 559-6550 ext. 6588, \$7 adults, \$5 students/seniors By calling 559-6550 ext. 6588, \$7 adults, \$5 students/seniors
- SCRIP Orders: If you shop at Safeway, sign up for eScrip by calling 1-800-400-7878 or register online at escrip.com. Old Navy is now available from eScrip. Register online for Andronico's at schoolpop.com. We are currently out of Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782. E-mail Linda at alanhome@lmi.net

Albany Middle School

- Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at alanhome@lmi.net
- Feb. 21, Parent Student Author Event featuring travel writer Lisa Taub and sports writer Sam Silverstein, 7 p.m., AMS Library
- Feb. 28, Eighth Grade Information Night at AHS, 7 p.m., AHS Little Theater
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at 525-6782. E-mail Linda at alanhome@lmi.net

- REMINDER: Save and turn in General Mills boxtops for education to office. Questions? Call Nancy at 526-1962

Cornell Elementary

- Feb. 20, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room
- SCRIP sales: Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878 or escrip.com). Register online for Andronico's at schoolpop.com. Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl paper SCRIP also for sale in the office.

Marin Elementary School

- Feb. 22, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room
- Berkeley Bowl, Ranch 99 Market and Natural Grocery paper SCRIP for sale Monday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 9 and 9:30 to 10 a.m. Orders can be placed in office at any

time. Albertson's Community Partners Cards available at these times. Safeway and Whole Foods electronic scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878 or escrip.com)

- Marin School account number is 136951780. Register online for Andronico's at schoolpop.com
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Ocean View Elementary

- Feb. 22, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library
- SCRIP for sale in the office. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878 or escrip.com). Register online for Andronico's at schoolpop.com. We are now selling paper scrip from Ranch 99 Market.
- RECYCLE used computer printer cartridges from your home or office. Look for bins in the library soon.

AUSD Board of Education

Feb. 27, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ocean View Multi-Purpose Room

AUSD Calendar

- Feb. 16, President's Day SCHOOL
- Feb. 19, President's Day SCHOOL

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EL CERRITO PTA

Bayside Council of PTAs

March. 5, Council meeting, 7:00pm in the faculty room at Pinole Middle School, 1575 Mann St., Pinole. Agenda will include presentation of a slate of officers for next year's board and updating your unit's bylaws.

Adams Middle School

- Join Adams PTA - Membership is only \$6. Checks are payable to "Adams PTA". Our next PTA project is to help sponsor a student run store open on Wednesday mornings. Please mail all checks to Adams PTA, 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805.
- The Adams library is collecting empty computer ink jet cartridges (the small ink jet cartridges - black and/or color; no laser cartridges or copier toner cartridges). All proceeds are used to purchase computer-related materials for the library computers. There is a collection bucket in the library on the third floor.
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- PTA Voice Message Line is (510) 464-1360, ext 70 - Call this number to hear about upcoming events, Academy updates, minimum day schedules and special dates.
- PTA eMail - Weekly PTA bulletins are being sent. Any community members interested in subscribing should send their email address to Connie Chan Kucera at cchan2429@aol.com

0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

El Cerrito High

- New Scrip sales: El Cerrito High School PTA is enrolled in the eScrip program. Our group ID is 5221087. Individual members pay an annual fee of \$10 to register their Safeway loyalty or other credit cards with eScrip. A percentage of the supporters' purchases is contributed by the merchant partner to ECHS PTA on a monthly basis. Participating merchants are: Safeway, Andronico's, Cody's Books, Chevron, Old Navy, Eddie Bauer, and Payless Shoes. You may register online at www.escrip.com or look for registration forms at various school events. Any questions, call Cheryl Black 527-7070(days) or 237-1696(eve).
- Want to be kept informed of all events, activities, tests date, college info, etc.? Join the ECHS email forum. All school notices will be emailed to you. To sign up, please email Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@home.com. Be sure to specify that you would like to be added to the ECHS email forum.

Harding Elementary

- Scrip purchases - contact Holly Winter at 525-0273.
- After School Classes include tennis, dance and drama. Call the school at 525-0273 or the El Cerrito Community Center for more details.

Kennedy High School

Join the Kennedy PTSA, \$5 - call Marilyn Jamerson at 235-2291 for more information.

into retirement. We challenge our greater Portola community to help raise money for new music room chairs. A new musicians chair from Wenger Corporation costs \$60.00. There are 65 chairs to be retired. Your check may be made out to the Portola PTA Music and sent to 638 Clayton St., El Cerrito 94530. Questions or comments should be directed to Ellie 234-0400 or Joann 524-9464. All donations are tax-deductible and checks of any amount will be gratefully accepted.

- Feb. 27, Music Parents and PTA meetings - 6:30pm and 7:15pm in the library.
- Join Portola PTA - \$6 per person. Funds are used to supplement student programs and faculty needs. We also encourage you to get involved by volunteering. We look forward to meeting you. Send your check (payable to Portola PTA) to Nancy Toombs, Attn: Portola Membership, 8188 Terrace Dr., El Cerrito 94530.
- Fundraisers: Portola is enrolled in eScrip and Albertson's fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Portola while you shop.
- Teen Center - Monday through Thursday from 3p.m. to 5p.m. at the Community Center. Fee - \$6 drop in or \$50 monthly. Great activities, trips and special events. Call 215-4370 for more information.
- E-mail forum - school information and meeting notices direct to your email box. Send your email address and request to be on the mail list to Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@home.com.

Greer

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annually by a consumer price index formula.

Waste Management, which collects the garbage, requested increases in the existing rates because its "tipping fee" at the Altamont Landfill had gone up \$1 a ton with an additional 90 cents for Household Hazardous Waste added on by The Alameda County Waste Management Authority.

The independent firm of Hilton, Farnkopf and Hobson employed by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, of which Albany is a member, recommended the increases. Albany Mayor Allan Maris and Councilwoman Peggy Thomsen, members of the City Council Committee on Waste Management, were in accord with the recommendation.

The city - which had heard years of complaints about the performance of the current sweeper and the infrequency of the sweeps - added an additional 23 cents to the increases allowed Waste Management. Of the current 68-cent increase 45 cents goes to the garbage collector.

With the additional money generated over three years from the 23-cent increase, Albany plans to buy a new, more efficient sweeper. Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma says the machine will cost \$120,000 and additional brushes, maintenance, and the finance package will bring the total to \$150,000.

The paramount consideration in selection of the existing machine was

its ability to meet pollution control standards by removing oil and other contaminants from the street, according to Ritzma. The new machine is supposed to do this equally well and do a better job on leaves and other rubbish.

The new sweeper will be bought this year and replace "the dinosaur" as the present one is known to those who work with it. Ritzma says it will probably be sold off for parts.

Currently the business district is swept early every Friday morning, but residential districts usually get swept only three times in the summer to clean them up and prevent clogging of storm drains in the winter, Ritzma said. She anticipates that with the new machine residential areas may have four or hopefully six sweeps a year.

The city will look into the cost efficiency of putting up signs indicating

when sweeping is scheduled, according to Ritzma. At present orange signs with notices are put out and picked up which is very labor intensive.

TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN

Burglars trashed the Marin Avenue home of City Attorney Robert Zweben recently. Police say it looks like the work of the same crew that hit a half dozen homes in the North Eastern section of the city lately.

Untypically, these crooks do not take portable items of value, but do take a very "messy prow" appearing looking for money. Judging from the thoroughness of the ransacking, police believe the punks may spend hours in houses that they invade during daylight hours.

Keep your eyes open for suspicious people in your neighborhood; you may pick up the tab for having your bureau drawers and closets arranged.

Castro Elementary

Fundraisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-

Portola Middle School

- Sponsor a Musical Chair. Portola music families know the importance of providing a good foundation of love and support for our children. We also know the value of providing our children with a solid foundation in the arts. There are some practical, yet essential foundations that are in severe disrepair in our Music Room - the chairs. Due to constant use, hour after hour and year after year, the chairs in the music room are unbalanced and worn with age. They need to be put

WCCUSD Calendar

Feb 19 - 23, President's Week recess - No school for all students and employees.

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or email: ltakimoto@yahoo.com

February is open enrollment month for WCCUSD

West County Unified School District parents interested in having their child attend a school other than their neighborhood school may apply for an intra-district transfer through the month of February. Applications have been given to every fifth, sixth, and eighth grade student in the district. You may also pick up an application from any school.

Mail your application during February to: WCCUSD Student Transfer Office El Portal Staff Development Center 2600 Moraga Avenue San Pablo, CA 94806

Or you may drop your application off at the WCCUSD Transfer Office, except for the week of Feb. 19 when the school district is closed. Presidents' Week Recess. Complete applications are accepted only at the district's Student Transfer Office, not at the schools.

School board policy permits student transfers as long as there is space available at the requested school. Before approving any transfer, the Student Transfer Office must also determine that the request will not cause the requested school to become racially imbalanced. For information, contact the WCCUSD Transfer Office at 510-307-5322.

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Guitarist blends styles of jazz on new CD release

By Joaquin McPeck

STAFF WRITER

Tucked away in a modest Chinese restaurant in Pinole, you'll find a Bay Area guitarist who has been entertaining people for years.

Just ask Jeff Feldstein and there's nothing he'd rather be doing.

"I made a decision several years ago that music is it for me. It's the thing I do best," the UC Berkeley graduate and Oakland resident said.

The consummate sideman now hopes more music listeners will take note when he releases his debut album as a leader in the next few months.

Already completed, "Hurricane Watch" is a blend of standard jazz with a modern feel that doesn't give way to your typical jazz anthem.

"It's several feelings. There are

particular aspects of jazz, some old, some new, but it's still my sound," Feldstein said.

After having worked with Bay Area bassist Jeff Chambers, flautist Art Maxwell and drummers E.W. Wainwright and Eddie Marshall, Feldstein felt it was time to transform his own creative energy into a product he could call his own.

Almost all of the tunes heard on the album are written by Feldstein, giving the listener a small hint as to the influences that formulated his style and sound.

He cites McCoy Tyner as a big influence on his music.

"Fred Astaire once said, 'Do it large, do it with class.' McCoy's music was so large that he just saturated you with his sound," Feldstein said.

The album, featuring both a trio

and quartet line-up, lends itself to the big, swinging sound, but doesn't bombard the listener with too much music.

Enough space is left open for subtle solos and the ability for the listener to notice the rhythm.

"I want to make the album accessible for people who are into jazz and to those who only know a smattering of it," he said.

But rather than emulate other musicians, Feldstein has always preferred absorbing the music and lending those experiences to his playing and writing.

While carrying a robust sound with hints of guitar pioneers like Pat Martino and Wes Montgomery, Feldstein is still able to create his own trademark riffs and weave them into his original tunes and showcase a

wide musical background.

At the tender age of 12, he was already creating a buzz in the rock and blues music scene in his native New York.

Feldstein still laughs about memories of his first guitar.

"It was such a piece of (garbage). The strings three inches off the fretboard, which made it difficult to play. If I could play an instrument like that, I knew I had the determination to stick with the guitar," he said.

Feldstein soon found himself pushing away from his rock roots and became transfixed on jazz after a Duke Ellington concert.

Like most worthy musicians, Feldstein steeped himself into the history of jazz where he eventually stumbled into George Benson protégé Richie Hart who was a key source in his

learning process.

Feldstein finally settled in the Bay Area, graduating from UC Berkeley and continues to feed his musical appetite.

Joining the 45-year-old on the album are Colin Bailey and Danny Spencer on drums, Bryan McConnell on bass and Terry Rodriguez on piano.

"The challenge is not just finding players but finding those that fit well with the tunes I have in mind. The different personalities on this album were able to do this," Feldstein said.

Spencer once had a touring stint with sax great Joe Henderson.

Feldstein describes McConnell as "exuberant who's playing has such freedom, while Rodriguez is 'very

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Center

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fencing, moving costs and furniture and bleachers.

Additionally, the budgeted amount for several other items has been reduced. The latest plan for the recreational pool north of the competition pool has been scaled back, it will not be enlarged as originally envisioned. Also scaled back are budgets for a colored pool deck, pedestrian paving, landscaping, a lifeguard tower (lifeguard chairs will be installed instead), staff offices, storage space and other items.

"The items not directly related to building the pools are being re-

moved," Perka said. "Actually, they're not being removed, we're just finding out what the costs are of those pieces." Perka said the City Council will decide what to do about these non-central items identified by the subcommittee.

"The council has to decide whether the additional items are going to get built or not," Perka said, emphasizing that she is committed to building the pool within the \$4.9 million budget. "We have a handshake, a commitment to the public; we said it was going to be \$4.9 million to get a pool and we're going to get a pool."

Project director Paul Roberts of Ellerbe Becket, pointed out that the quality of the competition pool remains unchanged in the reduced

schematic plan. "In terms of the quality level, it's a good quality; it's at the higher end," Roberts said. He also said that the quality of the smaller recreational pool has not been reduced.

Park and Recreation commissioner Christina Benitez Wilcox described the subcommittee as being "penny wise and pound foolish" concerning the Swim Center reductions. "I think the bottom line is that you can't get the pool for \$4.9 million — it's just not going to happen," she told her fellow subcommittee members at the meeting.

The reduced schematic plan being reviewed by the subcommittee totals just under than \$5.4 million.

The \$5.3 million Measure A parcel tax costs residents \$58 a year for

20 years to pay for reconstruction of the 37-year-old Swim Center, reconstruction of Canyon Trail Clubhouse and restroom renovations at three other city-owned clubhouses.

Inflation, rising construction costs and other factors including an original estimate that did not include all expenses have been cited as reasons the Swim Center estimate rose from \$4.9 million to \$8.1 million.

"What this basically means is that we're scaling the project back into a proposal to something that more closely matches the \$4.9 million that is available to us from the Measure A fund," Abelson said at the Feb. 5 City Council meeting to describe the efforts of the subcommittee.

"The goal is to get it to 4.9," Abelson said, adding that the council will

have to find a funding source "outside of Measure A" for some of the projects deleted from the original plan.

Mayor Larry Damon agreed, saying the items deleted from the original plan are essential, but are "less germane" to the "central functionality" of the Swim Center. "Those items are important and those items can be addressed on other budgets and perhaps at a different time" he said.

"The difficulty that we're going to face now — is we are now back down to the essentials," Damon added. "That's when we're going to have to look at the essentials and decide which ones truly contribute the greatest value to what we're trying to accomplish. It's going to get kind of tough from here on out."

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Owner Matt Tinonga is well versed in the food and beverage industry. He owned and operated the Cutting Board Delicatessen & Wines in Walnut Creek for 15 years prior to opening Montclair Wines in November of 1992. Wine has always been a part of my family meals and family life," he says.

Tinonga worked for a time at a large California winery, and later became a wine broker. When he purchased the corner window spot on Medau Place, it was his

intention to offer fine wines based on a quality-first approach. This features small niche and hard-to-find producers, that provide everything a good wine should embody at a fair price.

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built around the personal relationships he has developed over the years. These include wineries, wine brokers, wine representatives, distributors and importers. "I am fortunate to say that I have had the opportunity to build and support these relationships," he says.

Over time and with an eye on the lesser known of the pressed grape world, Tinonga is pleased about the increasing demand for high-quality, value-priced wine. "There is so much demand for these types of wines, I find the relationships and contacts I have nurtured over the years to be like gold," he says.

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by Laura Fischer
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25 years between snowmen

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

Snow? In Berkeley?
Long-time residents had to think back a quarter century to the last time it snowed here in any measurable amount.

"(Nineteen) seventy-six, we brought the kids up here; they were making snowballs," said Ralph Duncan of Oakland, who was sampling the snow on Grizzly Peak Boulevard at South Park Road at about 11 a.m. A generation later, when his daughter, Kim Duncan, heard it was snowing, she called her dad to pick her up from work in Oakland.

"She made some snowballs, and now she's going to surprise her boss," said Ralph Duncan.

"Snow covers CC," read a Contra Costa Times headline on Feb. 6, 1976. A day earlier, the National Weather Service had measured an inch of snow on the roof of its sea-level Oakland office and San Francisco registered its heaviest snowfall in 89 years, the article noted.

Tilden Regional Park rangers, police and fire officials variously estimated Monday's snowfall on Grizzly Peak Boulevard at 1 1/2 to 3 inches. The ridge top road, which traverses parts of Berkeley, Oakland and unincorporated Contra Costa County, is mostly above 1,100 feet in elevation.

In the higher elevations, more than 2 feet of snow landed on Mount

Hamilton, east of San Jose, and Mount Tamalpais in Marin County was covered, too.

Snow also forced rangers to close Mount Diablo State Park on Monday morning. Forecasters estimated that the peak, at about 3,850 feet in elevation, received more than 10 inches.

The odd weather was produced by a mass of cold atmospheric air that dropped south along the coast from the Alaska-British Columbia border rather than heading east, said Shane Snyder, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

Snow in the East Bay hills is rare — but not as rare as people think, because it can occur unnoticed said Lt. Tim August of the East Bay Regional Park District fire department.

"It snows sometimes in the winter at nighttime," August said, "but it never sticks."

In 21 years on the job, August said he had never seen anything like Monday's snow on Grizzly Peak Boulevard.

Mary Nesheim, faculty secretary at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, in the Berkeley hills, drove to work from her Clayton home Monday morning and was greeted by a strange tableau as she exited Highway 24.

"There were people out there playing with their dogs in the snow, people taking pictures," Nesheim said. "One man was making a 2-foot snow-

man up by a guardrail.

"I was so excited just to see the snow."

It was raining when Sudhi Rajagopal, a musician, left his Spruce Street home in Berkeley to head for Danville. When he got to Grizzly Peak Boulevard, the rain turned to something else.

"When it started off, I thought it was hail, but then it got whiter and whiter," Rajagopal said. "I felt like I was in Tahoe."

Suddenly, in a bend in the road, something even more other-worldly appeared.

"I saw this snowman and I had to stop," Rajagopal said as he contemplated a 31/2-foot-tall snowman, one of several standing along the boulevard Monday.

"All that's missing is the ski lift," said Will Muller of Kensington, wearing a ski parka with a Boreal lift ticket dangling from the zipper, as he sloshed through the snow, camera in hand.



GRAYSON JUDGE, 3-1/2, lays in the snow and tries to make a snow angel Monday morning at Tilden Regional Park.

Jazz

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"very contemplative."

"I think people will enjoy the performances because everyone is so different. It's a good listen and I'm

glad I finally did the album," Feldstein said.

Feldstein plays at the Hunan Villa restaurant in Pinole Thursdays through Saturdays and his album is currently available at Amoeba Records. You can reach him at jdex@earthlink.net for album and gig information.

Energy

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servation program would be "another thing to put into the mix."

City Attorney Howard Stern pointed out that the council has to be mindful of Proposition 218 and that it is not known "what the ultimate solution is going to be and what the ultimate tax increase will be."

Proposition 218 requires two-thirds voter approval to levy or raise special taxes. Stern said such things as a dedicated fund for specific programs or a temporary rate reduction are possible options from which the council can choose.

"What can we do for businesses?" asked Councilwoman Gina Brusatori. She suggested "energy subsidies" to help keep local businesses lighted, safe and heated. "It's just going to be one of the many options we're going to look at," Brusatori said. "I don't think there's any consensus yet," Friedman said earlier this week. "We asked Howard to come back to us with a variety of options of things we could do," Friedman added. "We want to look at all the options before we move in any particular direction."

Friedman also said he would like a comprehensive conservation report from King and other city staff. "I think we can always do more," he said about the city's conservation efforts.

Rally

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have been intensifying in recent weeks, with both sides lobbying hard for community support.

At a forum last week, district officials said a raise would endanger the financial stability of the district unless the district cuts jobs and programs.

The district received about \$1.5

million in new, unrestricted state funding this year, but all but \$350,000 has been budgeted for new expenses. A second session to discuss possible budget cuts was scheduled last night at Ocean View Elementary School.

A member of the CTA board of directors told the crowd the dispute is symptomatic of a statewide problem, saying, "Cutting programs pits schools against one another."

The talks reached an impasse in December and are continuing under the supervision of a state mediator.

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Median home price up 10.7% from last December, sales down 5.4%

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

LOS ANGELES - Sales of existing homes in California in December declined 5.4 percent and the median home price rose 10.7 percent compared to the same period a year ago, according to the California Association of Realtors and Real Estate Solutions, a real estate information service.

"Uncertainty about the future of the economy was reflected in the sales pace in many areas of the state, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area," said C.A.R. President Gary Thomas.

"The frenzied pace of home sales in the last few years as the dot-com economy boomed appears to be shifting to a more sustainable level of activity."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 479,220 in December at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 Multiple Listing Services (MLS) statewide.

Statewide home resale activity decreased 5.4 percent from the 506,550 sales pace recorded in December 1999. Resale activity posted a decrease of 15.0 percent in December 2000 compared to November 2000.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2000 would be if sales maintained the December pace throughout the year. It is adjusted for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during December 2000 was \$249,370, a 10.7 percent increase over the \$225,260 median

price for December 1999, C.A.R. reported. The December 2000 median price decreased slightly by 0.6 percent compared to November 2000.

C.A.R., in conjunction with Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan software and information product, reported that nearly 88 percent of California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

Some highlights

■ C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in December 2000 was 3.2 months, compared to 3.3 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 7.32 percent during December 2000, down slightly from 7.91 percent in December 1999, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 7.05 percent in December 2000, up from 6.53 percent in December 1999.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home

was 32 days in December 2000, down from 36 days for the same period a year ago.

The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes is generated from a survey of more than 90 associations of Realtors throughout the state.

MLS median price and sales data for condominiums is based on a survey of 64 associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

"The emerging energy crisis, uncertainty about the outcome of the November elections and a dip in consumer confidence took its toll on home sales in December, although regional disparities abound," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist.

"Double-digit declines in year-to-year sales were almost exclusively confined to Northern California, where prices continue to escalate."

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan service, 268 of 306 California cities and communities showed an increase in their

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A resident of the area since 1974, Brower joins the Berkeley-based brokerage with many years experience in the Bay Area residential market.

In addition to her successful real estate career, Norah founded and previously owned two award-winning design businesses.

The first, Evenarycraft, specializing in designing and producing unique handpainted children's clothing.

The second, Silkworks, produced and marketed custom-designed fabrics for both the residential and commercial markets. In recent years Brower has made her home in Berkeley and has ranked continually among the top local real estate producers.

"We are delighted to have Norah join us at Berkeley Hills," says Berkeley Hills broker and co-owner Nancy Mueller.

"Over the last several years, the real estate community has watched her successfully apply her topnotch business and design skills to real estate, and the resulting service — for both her



NORAH BROWER

buyers and sellers — has been nothing short of sensational."

Originally from Zimbabwe, Brower received both her undergraduate degree and teaching credential from the University of Cape Town in South Africa and later completed her Masters in Teaching of the Deaf at San Francisco State.

Brower specializes in residential properties in Berkeley, Kensington, Albany, El Cerrito, Oakland and Piedmont. She can be contacted at Berkeley Hills Realty (510-524-9888, extension 26) or via e-mail at nbrower@flash.net.

A bit of paradise in historic Monterey

When I was in Italy last June, my favorite place to stay was a historic 16th century inn called "La Suvera," nestled in the hills of rural Tuscany a few miles outside of Siena. It was once used as a hideaway by Pope Julius II, who had lavished as much attention on the gardens as the apartments. The sense of peace and serenity that the gardens of La Suvera offered is a feeling hard to find in most of California's hotels and bed and breakfast inns.

Last month, I enjoyed some of that same feeling at a historic "B and B," just above old town Monterey. The Old Monterey Inn is a oasis of calm and quiet—a Tudor Revival manor house surrounded by lush gardens in which one soon forgets about the stress of modern life in Northern California. To properly describe the charms of this historic place, it is necessary to set it into its unique context: the pueblo of Monterey.

Monterey was founded by the Spanish as a presidio, or military outpost, in 1770. Unlike most other presidios in Alta California, Monterey was also settled as a pueblo, or civilian town, and a Franciscan mission, from the beginning of its history. It soon became the administrative capital of the Spanish province of Alta California.

Over the next several decades, Monterey grew steadily in population. By the time the Americans took over, at the start of the Mexican American War in 1846, this pueblo had over 1,000 inhabitants, by far the largest population of any town in Alta California.

Yankee settlers brought new types of building features to add onto the older adobe, (or mud brick) homes of the Spanish and Mexican settlers. They added the overhanging, second story balcony, wooden columns, the sloping "saltbox" style roofline, and wood-latticed windows found in their native New England and Midwestern towns.

This unique hybrid of two very distinct styles came to be called the "Monterey Adobe" style. Popular all over California, it is still being used by builders today for houses, condo developments and small commercial structures.

In the 1910s and '20s, the Monterey peninsula became popular with tourists from other areas of California and all across the country. The nearby quaint little town of Carmel was developed into a fairy tale like version of an old English village, with half timbered and field stone shops and houses and English style pubs and ale houses.

The population of the Monterey peninsula grew rapidly and the town of Monterey expanded well beyond its old Spanish boundaries.

During this period of growth, the house that now comprises the Old Monterey Inn was built. Designed in 1929 in the style of a 16th century, half-timbered, English Tudor Revival manor house, the home was placed in upper corner of a generous 1.26-acre plot at 500 Martin St., atop a quiet, oak-shaded hillside. This home re-

Owning A Piece of History



By Mark A. Wilson

mained a private residence for nearly 50 years, and its spacious lot has never been subdivided.

In 1968, Ann and Gene Swett bought the house to use as their own family residence. Over the next 10 years, they raised six children, and drawings of their smiling faces can be seen on the living room walls. In 1978, they converted the house into a bed and breakfast inn.

According to Gene Swett, they did this largely to keep the lovely grounds intact, by putting them to a practical use that would provide enough income to maintain them.

"We wanted to save this property from being subdivided and developed into multi-unit projects, like the five-unit condo complex next door," says Gene. Fortunately, the effect of nearby developments has been nil on the peace and privacy of the grounds at the Old Monterey Inn.

The Swetts have made modest changes to the original house and grounds since they converted it into an inn. There are now 10 rooms, including the garden cottage, and the entire living area of the property has a total of about 4,500 square feet.

The common rooms on the first floor all retain their original architectural features. They have the air of an authentic, English Tudor manor house, like many that I have stayed in. The living room has a baronial scale fireplace, high ceilings, and wrought iron sconces.

The dining room has one of the finest painted ceilings I have seen of any historic inn anywhere in California. It was painted by an elderly local craftsman and his son, to resemble the colorful decorative patterns on the ceilings of Tudor manor houses in rural England.

There is also a handsome baronial fireplace along one wall, with a hand-beaten metal hood. The tall latticed windows in the dining room also open out onto the lovely English style gardens.

All of the rooms at the Old Monterey Inn are furnished with genuine antiques, mostly of 19th century American and English origin.

There is an impressive, late Victorian-era sideboard in the living room. On the wall of the staircase landing is a finely carved Waterbury Clock, made in 1890 in Connecticut. Arts and Crafts style pieces of furniture grace some of the rooms.

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THE ENTRYWAY TO THE OLD MONTEREY INN bespeaks serenity that one finds within.

What is a Realtist?

By Bobbie Reid
CORRESPONDENT

What is a Realtist? In the simplest of terms, a Realtist is a member of the Associated Real Property Brokers, also referred to as ARPB. What is ARPB? ARPB is a professional trade association. Real estate is the trade. Membership in ARPB includes membership in the California Association of Real Estate Brokers (CAREB) and the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB). (This year's national president of NAREB is Ernest Clark of Seville Real Estate in Oakland.)

The organization's membership is made up mainly of African American and other minorities. Members are real estate licensees and other professionals engaged in real estate related industries, i.e. title and mortgage. Members of ARPB are known as Realtists.

So why was the organization created when there are other real estate trade organizations in existence? We'll need a little history lesson to answer that question.

Attitudes of discrimination were the reason for the creation of the Realtist's organizations. In the 1940s, African American real estate licensees were denied membership in their local real estate associations.

As a result of being turned down for membership in these boards, African American real estate brokers began to meet on their own. In 1947, they formed what is now known as NAREB. From there local organizations such as ARPB were formed.

Today's local real estate associations welcome everyone. All real estate licensees, who follow the appropriate Department of Real Estate guidelines are candidates for membership. Many minority real estate professionals belong to both organizations. Some only belong to one. If the local Realtor boards now invite everyone to join, why the need for ARPB?

Anita Jones of Seville Real Estate and the 1999 & 2000 President of ARPB commented, "I belong to both groups. Both have something to offer. Some matters traditionally and solely affect minorities. ARPB addresses those matters." Jones feels that ARPB provides exposure that helps her support certain causes and promote change.

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Maybe it was this warm image that caused me to want to know more about this family. That and seeing the "rice room" located behind the former grocery store space. This room, now used as a regular closet, held the rice sold to store customers.

More fascination: halfway up the stairs to the living area is a long, narrow room which is referred to as the "hidden room." The story goes that in past years people hid there from the authorities. At the time the door was a sliding panel and there were no windows in the room.

Standing outside the building now and looking up at the room, I can imagine how it must have looked, how well disguised it was when it was simply a part of the wood siding.

I wanted to know more about this building and its owners. But where to start? Twenty-five years had passed since the Japanese family had lived there, I did not know how to reach them, and my initial inquiries did not produce any infor-

mation about Japanese groceries in Berkeley.

And so, Anet and I went to the Berkeley permit files to see what we could see. Among other entries, we found one that was especially intriguing. The handwritten notes were blurred making it impossible to be sure, but it appeared to us that permit #349 was issued for new construction to the Misses C. & M.A. McGee in 1909. Cost of construction: \$4250.

This certainly piqued our interest: the building had apparently been built as a dwelling for two women in 1909 and their name was McGee. Could they be related to the McGee for whom the nearby street was named?

We next went to the library hoping to discover who McGee was and if he had women relatives with initials matching those on the permit. I was disappointed to learn that books I have used in the past to research Berkeley pioneers are currently in storage awaiting construction of a new library. The books won't be available for a couple of years.

It was at this point that I called the Placer Title Company plant in San Leandro to request assistance from Judy Gibson. Judy helped me a year or so ago when I was gathering information about James Woolsey (who also has a Berkeley street named for him), and she was happy, she said, to take a look at the deeds for the McGee property.

As it turned out, Judy became engrossed in the search too, especially when she learned that Mary Ann and Catherine McGee had owned the building plus two adjacent parcels, and that nearby streets had borne their names.

Early plat maps show Mary Street (now McKinley) and Catherine Street (now Roosevelt) in a large tract bounded by Dwight

Way, California, Martin Luther King Jr. Way (formerly Sherman) and Addison Street. The original map of this 117 acre tract was filed by James McGee in 1886.

Judy was unable to locate the property deed to the women, but she did find and copy for me a number of plats and deed transfers covering the years from 1909 to 1946.

We were pretty sure that Catherine and Mary Ann (affectionately referred to as "the girls" by Judy) were sisters and that, very likely, they were the daughters of James McGee, but I wanted to know for sure.

Ken Cardwell of the Berkeley Historical Society thought he remembered that McGee was an Irish Catholic who was early involved with St. Joseph's Church in Berkeley. He suggested that I contact St. Joseph's (now St. Joseph the Worker Church) to ask about their birth records.

Meanwhile, wonderful Judy turned up a centennial reprint of an 1878 Alameda County Directory which lists James McGee of Oakland, a farmer from Ireland, who arrived in this county and state in 1854. I remembered then that one of the streets in the McGee tract was named St. Joseph (now Jefferson). The pieces were coming together.

I called St. Joseph's and was given the name of Jeanne Loughman, a parishioner who had in 1978 assisted in writing the history of that parish. Jeanne confirmed that indeed Catherine and Mary Ann were James' daughters and that the ladies had lived in the upper floor of their building until they had died there in 1940. Sadly, they had died penniless.

Immediately I called Judy to report the year that "the girls" had died and added that they had been

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without funds at the end. This last bit of information was particularly interesting to Judy and to me because we had been talking about the deeds recorded against the property during the years the ladies had lived there.

Three different loans had been taken out using the building as security: \$4,500 in 1929, \$8,606 in 1935, and the last, only \$2,500 in 1936. The third loan had gone into default for nonpayment. We wondered why the loan hadn't been paid and we speculated together over what the rest of the story was.

We knew that the sisters had split up the ownership of their three parcels in 1935. Mary Ann kept "our" parcel with the building on it. Catherine got the other two.

What was the reason for the division? We didn't know. Perhaps the largest loan in 1936 was taken to build on one of the lots? Whatever the reason, and much remains a mystery, Catherine deeded her lots back to the lenders because, it seems, there was no money to repay the loan.

And now we knew that the sisters had died in 1940. This explained why the property was sold in 1941 to satisfy the last loan of only \$2,500. The ladies may not have had any heirs, or if they did, the heirs could not pay it either. The building, curiously, went to another single woman, someone by the name of Paula Lanz.

see TARPOFF on page B6



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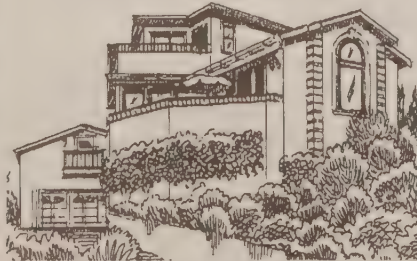
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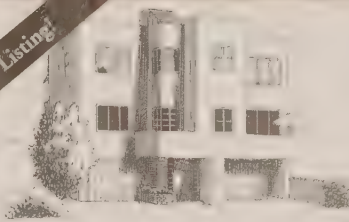


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 Laguna Vista - \$481,000
 Laguna Vista - \$439,500
 Mountain Av - \$515,000
 Mountain Wy - \$335,000
 Mountain Dr - \$628,000
 Mountain Dr - \$395,000
 Mountain St - \$495,000
 Mountain Ln - \$460,000

BERKELEY

555 Pierce St #137 - \$248,000
 1285 Portland Av - \$421,000
 Alston Wy - \$380,000
 Alston Wy - \$405,000
 Alston Wy - \$221,500
 Blake St - \$385,000
 Bonita Av - \$450,000
 Channing Wy - \$262,000
 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$705,000
 Hawthorne Tr - \$560,000
 McGee Av - \$429,000
 McGee Av - \$340,000

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828 Ashbury Av - \$375,000
 5457 Barrett Av - \$380,000
 102 Carmel Av - \$420,000
 2314 Cedar St - \$286,500
 1805 Ganges Av - \$455,000
 850 Lexington Av - \$190,000
 845 South 33rd St - \$250,500

OAKLAND

3518 Carlfield Rd - \$140,000
 27 Oak Creek Rd - \$450,000

PIEDMONT

247 Colusa Av - \$285,000
 400 Coventry Rd - \$419,000
 Kenyon Av - \$750,000

SAN LEANDRO

75 100th Av - \$231,000
 940 107th Av - \$146,500
 773 10th St - \$210,000
 620 26th Av - \$189,000
 972 47th St - \$310,000
 940 53rd St - \$381,000
 62 54th St - \$280,000
 2588 62nd Av - \$182,000
 2450 65th Av - \$230,000
 894 69th Av - \$92,000
 3311 72nd Av - \$170,000
 280 75th Av - \$195,000
 2892 76th Av - \$193,000
 223 77th Av - \$80,000
 2256 83rd Av - \$315,000
 901 87th Av - \$103,500
 4148 Bayo St - \$439,000
 4 Bowles Pl - \$589,000
 3882 Broadway Trail - \$405,000

3425 Brunell Dr - \$750,000
 14 Clipper Hill - \$814,500
 3131 Cuthbert Av #307 - \$126,000
 10321 Dante Av - \$173,500
 8415 Dowling St - \$80,000
 523 East 17th St - \$165,000
 1101 East 20th St - \$205,000
 2437 East 28th St - \$225,000
 1641 East 33rd St - \$245,000
 3400 Eden Ln - \$216,000
 2517 Filbert St - \$140,000
 10901 Foothill Bl - \$170,000
 3721 Fruitvale Av #A - \$280,000
 1961 Gaspar Dr - \$230,500
 4885 Geranium Pl - \$470,000
 6008 Harmon Av - \$235,000
 4551 Heafey Rd - \$735,500
 7628 Hillmont Dr - \$415,000
 5630 Holway St - \$155,000
 551 Jean St #104 - \$145,000
 548 Jones Av - \$117,000
 3362 Jordan Rd - \$355,000
 4806 Lawton Av - \$335,000
 2917 MacArthur #3C - \$163,000
 6630 MacArthur - \$135,000
 245 Montecito Av - \$289,000
 22 Moss Av #111 - \$312,000
 2318 Myrtle St - \$213,000
 3916 Patterson Av - \$415,000
 1808 Pleasant Valley Av - \$401,000
 2645 Prentiss Pl - \$442,000
 3600 Richmond Bl - \$325,000
 672 Santa Ray Av - \$585,000
 1155 Sunnyhills Rd - \$282,000
 10826 Sunnyside St - \$203,000
 563 Walavista Av - \$674,000
 7506 Weld St - \$140,500
 700 West MacArthur Bl - \$210,000
 288 Whitmore St #201 - \$140,000

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255 Park View Tr - \$740,000

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 226 Barrett Av - \$135,000
 700 Bradford Rd - \$168,000
 3313 Brentwood Av - \$309,000
 3131 Center Av - \$193,000
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 926 Chanslor Av - \$205,000
 6001 Columbia Av - \$290,000
 312 Commodore Dr - \$200,000
 404 Commodore Dr - \$249,000
 2546 Downer Av - \$185,000
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 3519 Esmond Av - \$185,000
 2431 Groveview Ct - \$245,000
 671 Humboldt St - \$270,000
 4116 Jenkins Wy - \$134,000
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 119 Marcus Av - \$172,500
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 1399 Sayre St - \$255,000
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SAN LORENZO

15718 Via Colusa - \$310,000
 146 Via Linares - \$255,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$665,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$439,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$458,955

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$248,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$421,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$334,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 10
 LOWEST PRICE: \$221,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$705,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$413,750

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 7
 LOWEST PRICE: \$190,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$455,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$375,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$336,714

EL NORRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2
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FROM PAGE B4

How I would like to learn more about Catherine and Mary Ann — who they were, what they cared for, what they did in their lives. I do know, from the St. Joseph history, that their father in 1877 gifted a corner of his farm to the Sisters of the Presentation for a school. It was his carriage that met the sisters at the ferry when they relocated from San Francisco.

Catherine and Mary Ann's parents supported the church in numerous ways. They supplied the convent with milk from their farm, donated a sanctuary lamp, and there is still today a window in the church erected in their memory. But there are large gaps in the family story. And I have been unable to learn more about the Japanese family who later owned the property. (I did reach the daughter-in-law of the man who grafted the fruit trees. She says there is no one left who knows anything of the time.)

I would very much enjoy knowing more about each of these people, and this is quite a revelation for me. I've always thought that I don't like history, certainly didn't want to study it when I was in school. But I didn't understand earlier that history is about people, and people, how they live, what they do and think, are constantly fascinating. Guess I like history after all. Anet Tarpoiff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents who specialize in single family houses. They also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can

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Bobbie Reid is a freelance writer and columnist. She is a California real estate licensee and has been an active affiliate member of the industry since 1988.

Sales

FROM PAGE B5

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$419,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$484,667

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 58
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$814,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$283,681

FREMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$740,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 31
LOWEST PRICE: \$83,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,400,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$193,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$246,419

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$190,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$375,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$264,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$272,067

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$255,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$310,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$282,500

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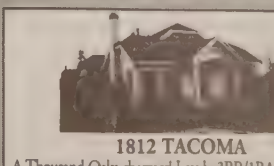
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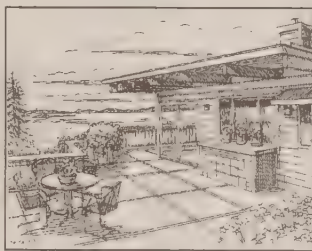
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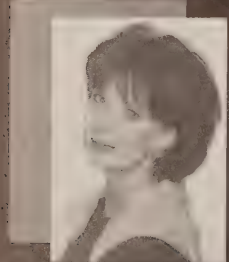


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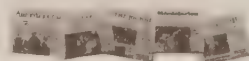
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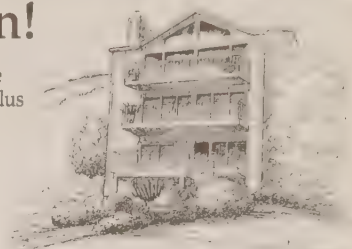
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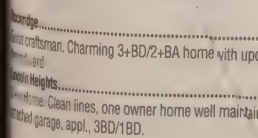
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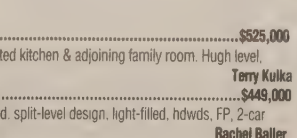
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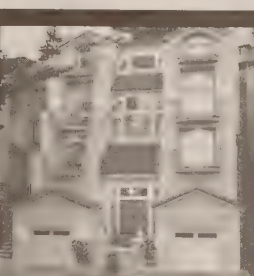
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"Falling mortgage rates have created a rush of refinancing activity in January," said Robert Van Order, chief economist for Freddie Mac. "For example, Freddie Mac's automated underwriting system, Loan Prospector, set a new monthly volume record of 506,000 loan evaluations last month, a 62 percent monthly increase from last year — mostly due to the surge in refinancings."

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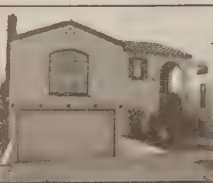
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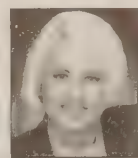
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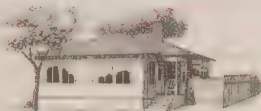


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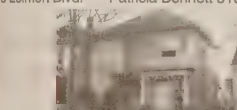
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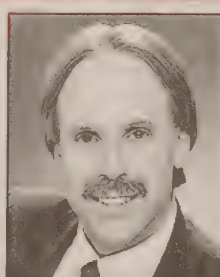
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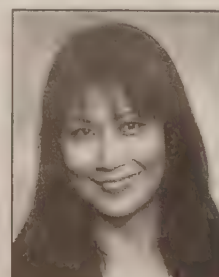
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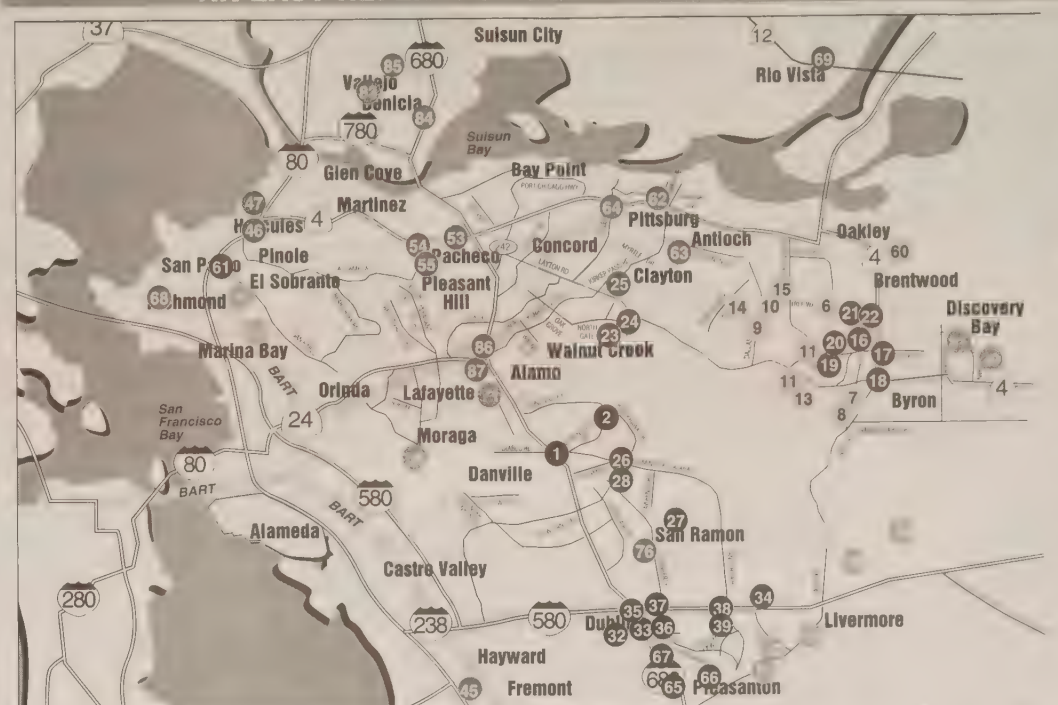
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San Mateo-S.F.-Marin View.....\$449,000
View the night lights of Oakland, San Francisco thru floor-to-ceiling windows from this charming 2BR, 2BA home with 1BR, 1BA in-law. Wood floors, beamed ceilings. Romantic sunsets while cozied by the raised brick fireplace.
KATHRINA VERZOSA ext 240




Heart of Montclair.....\$399,000
Just listed! Charming 3BR, 1BA home with large private lot in convenient Montclair location. Truly an opportunity
CAROL COHEN ext 225



OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
Fabulous S.F. Bay View.....\$375,000
"As Is." Just listed! Wonderful private, serene setting, hardwood floors, vaulted ceiling, 3 decks, downslope, EZ access to Hwy 13.
GAYLE TANTAU/CINDY BOZE ext 217



OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
Charming Trad. W/Sep. In-law Apt.....\$349,000
Updated 3BR home with separate studio/in-law unit. Lovely setting on cul-de-sac. Fenced yard fireplace, hardwood floors. Close to transportation
LOIS JOHNSON ext 228



Piedmont Avenue.....\$299,000
Charming starter home on quiet, sunny side of the street. Hardwood, formal dining, garage 1+BR Yard & garden. Probate sale
HAL CASTLE ext 220

New Construction completed April 15th.....\$879,000
End of cul-de-sac custom built home, approx. 3700 sq.ft., 4BR, 3.5BA
MEL COPLAND ext 255

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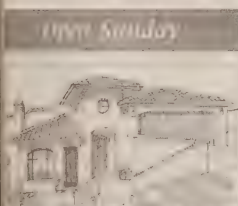
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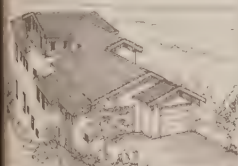
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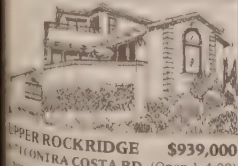
CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,349,900
1033 AMITO AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Leonard Perillo presents this exciting new Mediterranean situated in the beautiful Claremont Hills. Bay & canyon views. 4BD/4BA, FDR, kitchen room, master suite & multi-level decks. Country/city living. Dee Knowland x318



MONTCLAIR \$1,295,000
12 OBSERVATION PL. (Open 2-4:30) Sophisticated new contemporary located on an exclusive cul-de-sac of gorgeous custom homes. Flexible floor plan with 3 bedrooms upstairs and 2 bedrooms downstairs. Expansive bay and hillside views. Nancy Moore x302



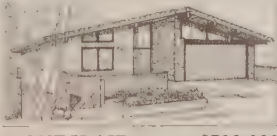
MONTCLAIR \$1,095,000
100 AQUARIUS WAY (Open 2-4:30) Add style to your life with this chic new 4+BD/3BA contemporary. Flexible floor plan with 3 master suites. Views of Mt. Tamalpais & canyon. David Ichikawa x331



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$939,000
1000 CONTRA COSTA RD. (Open 1-4:00) Panoramic views of San Francisco and Bay from this gorgeous 3BD/3BA home. Features elegant living room, large family room opening to garden, gracious dining room, office with terrace, and large bonus room over garage. Teri Carlisle x305



NEW LISTING!
RIDGEMOOR \$929,000
13778 CAMPUS DR. (Open 2-4:30) Outstanding! Approximately .66 acres. 4BD/3BA, including luxurious master suite with private retreat. Updated kitchen. Glorious canyon and Bay vistas. Anne Feste x371



MONTCLAIR \$739,000
8801 SKYLINE BLVD. (Open 1-4:00) Spacious & light 5+BD/4BA contemporary with flexible floor plan. Family room, rumpus room & decks provide for both living and entertaining enjoyment. Also features an in-law unit with separate entrance. Sandi Klemmer x314 & Dick Cohen x308



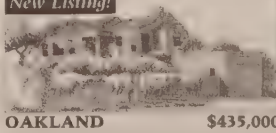
NEW LISTING!
MONTCLAIR \$459,000
2 CARRILLO PL. (Open 1-4:00) Dramatic 2BD/2BA mid-century modern! Walls of glass, vaulted beamed ceilings, large entertainers deck, Golden Gate view and expansive gardens. Close to village. Jeffrey Himmel x307



MONTCLAIR \$439,000
1212 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30) This sunny 3BD/2BA brown shingled cottage has an open floor plan, great for entertaining yet cozy enough for quiet evenings by the fireplace. A sense of privacy prevails throughout. Kathy Flynn x317



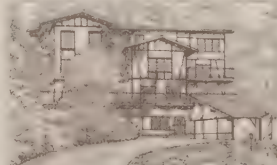
MONTCLAIR \$439,000
7106 HOMEWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30) 3BD/2BA contemporary nestled in Montclair Hills. Updated kitchen & baths. Two large private decks. Fun play structure in back. Four car off-street parking. Ann Nichols x319



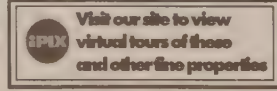
NEW LISTING!
OAKLAND \$435,000
3045 FRYE ST. (Open 1-4:00) Unique & private home with picturesque SF/Bay views, and is nestled in a sunny country-like setting. A delightful Mediterranean-style garden and patio encircles the home and is a gardener's paradise. Also features a separate workshop/studio. Diane Earl McCan x352



By Appointment
PIEDMONT \$2,999,000
This gorgeous French Mediterranean estate features Bay views from San Jose to the Golden Gate Bridge. With its six bedrooms and four full and one half-baths, it provides classic Piedmont living and a maximum of modern convenience. Debi Fitzgerald x306



PIEDMONT \$2,195,000
Live in your own 5BD/4+BA chalet with filtered Bay views, pool, spa, & sauna. Enjoy resort living in prime upper Piedmont location. Custom built and maintained by original owners, this rare property abounds with redwoods, oaks and pines. Charlotte Boyle x370



MONTCLAIR \$649,000
Spacious 1960's contemporary conveniently located close to village. Enjoy 3000+/- sq. ft. with expansive Bay views and level yard. 5BD/3BA. Living room with vaulted ceilings & fireplace. Family room with fireplace and office built-ins. Jeffrey Himmel x307



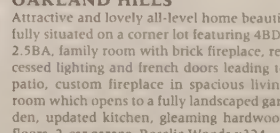
PIEDMONT
This gracious English Manor house is located on one of Piedmont's most prestigious streets. Majestic trees, approximately two-thirds acre of manicured gardens, cobblestone paths and pristine pool surround this historic family estate. Charlotte Boyle x370



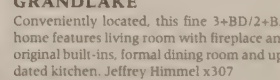
RIDGEMOOR
City lights, glorious sunsets and unobstructed panoramic views from this 3BD/2.5BA home on quiet cul-de-sac. Robyn Mohr x310



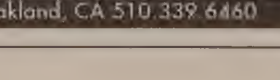
OAKLAND HILLS
Beautifully situated overlooking a golf course in the Oakland Hills. 3BD/2.5BA. The family room has vaulted ceiling, excellent window placement, hardwood floors and a fireplace. Michelle Miller x335



OAKLAND HILLS
Attractive and lovely all-level home beautifully situated on a corner lot featuring 4BD/2.5BA, family room with brick fireplace, recessed lighting and french doors leading to patio, custom fireplace in spacious living room which opens to a fully landscaped garden, updated kitchen, gleaming hardwood floors, 2-car garage. Roseline Woods x324



ROCKRIDGE
2+BD/1.5BA. Stylish contemporary. Floor-to-ceiling windows. French doors to extra large lot. Updated kitchen. Nancy Noman x373



GRANDLAKE
Conveniently located, this fine 3+BD/2+BA home features living room with fireplace and original built-ins, formal dining room and updated kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x307



OAKLAND HILLS
This wonderful home boasts designer paint choices and crown moldings. 3+BD/3BA and a terrific family room which opens out to a large level and private garden. Leslie Gordon x327

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227 Crendon Cr Open Sat & Sun Richard Powell 510-814-4837, Joyce Payne, 510-814-4846 Harbor Bay Realty	580/4BA	2-4	\$1,398,000
1325 Clinton Sally Radtke 510-523-2314, Chapman Hule 510-821-6015 Kane & Associates	480/-BA	2-4/30	\$925,000
462 Buena Vista Ave Paul Loh, Loh Realty & Investments 510-338-8825 ext 101	Ing. 1000 sq ft	2-4	\$896,000
1240 Hawthorne Studio in rear Denise Collette 510-522-4011, Kane & Associates	380/2BA	2-4	\$896,000
211 Anderson Rd Open Sat & Sun Ringo Liu 510-814-4848, Harbor Bay Realty	580/2BA	2-4	\$848,000
1050 San Antonio Bill Douglas 510-814-4839, Harbor Bay Realty	480/2BA	2-4	\$838,000
2156 Central Ave Open Sat & Sun Pete Caputo, Bette Barr Alameda Realty 510-522-8096	-80/-BA	2-4/30	\$675,000
3374 Washington Ct Steve Sorenson 510-814-4889, Harbor Bay Realty	480/2 - BA	2-4	\$648,000
1700 Cornell Open Sat & Sun Randy & Steve Brandt 510-814-4822, Jean Powers 510-814-4822 Harbor Bay Realty	3 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$595,000
1220 Broadway Open Sat Only Patricia Gonzalez, Gallagher & Lindsay 510-748-1139	384/2BA	2-4	\$515,000
519 Central Ave Moon Tam, Gallagher & Lindsay 510-747-1820	2 - 8A/2BA	2-4	\$515,000
2607 Bayview Dr Open Sat & Sun Bill Stewart, Gallagher & Lindsay 510-748-1108	384/2 - BA	2-4	\$498,500
3279 Encinal Open Sat & Sun Shirley McWilliam 510-814-4825, Jean Powers 510-814-4822 Harbor Bay Realty	580/2BA	2-4	\$448,000
3265 Washington Cherie Hunt 510-361-6002 Prudential CA Realty	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$418,000
1100 Verdamer Open Sat & Sun Tom Young 510-814-4841, Goly Young 510-814-4842 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$398,000
27 Damon Open Sat & Sun Betty Savell 510-522-1175, Janelle Spatz 510-521-4045, Kane & Associates	280/-BA	2-4	\$395,500
3433 Solomon Lane John Bickley, Bickley R.E. 510-769-1606	380/2 - BA	2-5	\$396,000
1428 Cottage Marilyn Penney 510-814-4845, Harbor Bay Realty	2 - 80/1BA	2-4	\$380,000
1712 Willow Kimberly Outrage 510-273-9811 Prudential CA Realty	380/1BA	2-4/30	\$325,000
965 Shorepoint Ct Open Sat & Sun Lillian Silva 510-865-8564, Kane & Associates	280/2BA	2-4	\$279,000
2420 Buena Vista Steve Anderson 510-521-8889 Kane & Associates	280/1BA	2-4	\$268,000
885 Shorepoint Ct Caroline Hooton 510-433-9621 Prudential CA Realty	180/-BA	2-4/30	\$188,500
514 Carmel Ave Carol Herb-Min 510-525-2346 Prudential CA Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$379,000

BERKELEY

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1216 Gristle Peak Berkeley Paul Tompkins 510-852-2133 ext.131, Tompkins Laverette Co.	380/2BA	2-4	\$875,000
2945 Ashby Berkeley Ruth Fremont 510-852-2133 ext.147, Tompkins Laverette Co.	580/2 - BA	1:30-4:30	\$778,000
2732 Prince RED OAK, 510-280-2138, Glens	364/1ba	Sun 2-5	\$595,000
1543 Beverly Pl No. Berkeley Assist 2 full Emory Realty, Sheila E. 510-282-8989	3 - 80/2BA	1-4	\$488,000
1700 7th St Torrence Jue, Prudential CA Realty 510-524-2526	4 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$445,000
3104 Martin Luther King, Jr. Wy Berkeley Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-4000	4 - 80/2BA	2-4/30	\$398,000
1809 9th St Millie Rogers 510-845-0200 Prudential	380	2-4	\$395,000
1223 Oxford Bill Grimsman 510-420-1963 RedMax Bay Area	284/-BA	2-5	\$338,000
1701 Derby St Berkeley Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-4000	280/1BA	2-4/30	\$325,000
1404 Henry #4 RED OAK, 510-280-2128 Shonon	284/1ba Sun	2-4/30	\$319,000

CASTRO VALLEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
23138 Canyon Terrace Castro Valley Emily Lane, Prudential 510-338-8290	280/1BA	2-4/30	\$278,000

EL CERRITO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
135 Santa Fe Open Sun, Danyse Blag 925-559-2988 Marvin Gardner RE	3 Bd/2 Ba	2-4	\$485,000

EMERYVILLE

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6011 Christie Ave. Bill Grimsman 510-420-1963 RedMax Bay Area	-6d/BA	1-4	\$435,000
141 Tennessee Cr Emeryville John Bell, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2010	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$295,000
1046 48th St. RED OAK, 510-280-2118, Glens	1 - 6d/1bdS at / Sun	2-4	\$270,000

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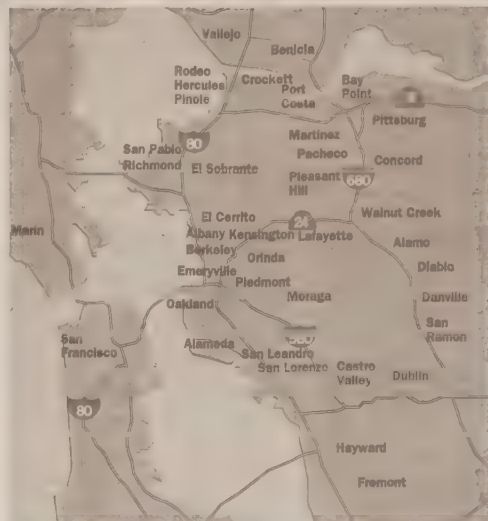
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1242 Ash Hayward Daria Doney, Prudential 510-986-9544	280/1BA	1-4	\$298,000

KENSINGTON

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257 Colgate Richard Bower, Prudential CA Realty 510-525-6143	280/1BA	2-4	\$398,000

LAFAYETTE

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1811 Ralston Ave Sat/Sun 1-4 510-682-8528 www.cynthiaburke.com Security Pacific	3bd/2 - ba	1-4	\$458,998
6636 Arlington Open Sat/Sun 510-682-8528 www.cynthiaburke.com Security Pacific	3bd/2ba	1-4	\$349,998
5980 Alpine Rd Open Sat/Sun 510-682-8528 www.cynthiaburke.com Security Pacific	3bd/1ba	1-4	\$269,998



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900 Alvarado Claremont Lille Brady, Prudential CA Realty 510-945-0200	4 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$1,895,000
904 Alvarado Claremont Lille Brady, Prudential CA Realty 510-945-0200	4 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$1,595,000
1033 Amato Ave Claremont Hills Des. Knowland, 510-338-6480 ext 318, Pacific Union	580/4BA	2-4/30	\$1,349,900
5352 Hilltop Crescent Rockridge David Olson, Prudential 510-338-8290	480/2BA	2-4/30	\$1,295,000
22 Observation Pl Montclair Nancy Moore 510-338-6460 ext 302, Pacific Union	580/-BA	2-4/30	\$1,295,000
1005 Aquarius Way Montclair David Ichikawa 510-338-6480 ext 331, Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$1,095,000
6174 Castro Costa Rockridge Teri Canale 510-338-6480 ext 305, Pacific Union	380/2BA	1-4	\$939,000
13778 Campus Dr Ridgeway Anne Finkle 510-338-6480 ext 371, Pacific Union	480/2BA	2-4/30	\$928,000
56 Bay Forest Dr Oakland - Berkeley Hills Wendy Colquhoun, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7008	3 - 80/4BA	2-4/30	\$899,000
6948 Bristol Oakland - Berke Nancy Tumb, Prudential 510-485-0211	480/4 - BA	1-4	\$850,000
6248 Aspinwall Elgin Lancaster/Vicky Faulk, 510-338-4700 Colwell Banker	384/2 - ba	1:30-4	\$798,000
23 Grovet Oakland Hills Lille Brady, Prudential CA Realty 510-945-0200	280/2BA	1-4	\$738,000
8601 Skyline Blvd Montclair Sandy Hillman 510-338-6460 ext 314, Dick Cohen ext. 308	6 - 80/4BA	1-4	\$738,000
4837 Park Blvd Glenview, 3158 sq ft Assist 2 full, 510-530-6330	780/3BD	2-4	\$689,950

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16 Slater Ln Claremont Hills Julie Lehman, Prudential 510-945-0211	4 - 80/2BA	2-5	\$698,000
639 Rosemont Lakeshore Ed Kuo, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	3 - 80/1BA	2-4/30	\$678,000
888 Warfield Ave Lakeshore, 2-280 Bds Ed Kuo, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	-80/-BA	2-4/30	\$575,000
1820 Arrowhead Dr. Montclair Jim Forquer 510-338-8800 ext 218 La Salle Properties	484/2v/1ba	2-4/30	\$568,000
4471 Pleasant Valley Court Piedmont David Kuo, Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-9400	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$548,000
2506 Leimert Blvd Upper Oakland David Kuo, Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-9400	480/2BA	2-4/30	\$548,000
5825 Lawton Av Rockridge Sheila Gallagher, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$548,000
4350 Arden Pl Arden Marilyn Scott, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	380/2 - BA	2-4/30	\$542,000
419 Creighton Wy Crestwood Sherry Boringner, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	4 - 80/3BA	2-4/30	\$529,000
105 Santa St Upper Rockridge Chris Cohn, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	280/1 - BA	2-4/30	\$529,000
47 Sequoyah Court Sequoyah Ridge Ziggy Karanowski, Prudential 510-338-8290	View 580/2 - BA	2-4/30	\$488,000
6416 Pinhaven Rd. Montclair Hal Castle 510-338-4778 La Salle Properties	284/2ba	1:30-4:30	\$487,000
2 Cabrillo Pl Montclair Jeffrey Himmel, 510-338-6460 ext 307, Pacific Union	280/2BA	1-4	\$469,000
3834 Woodruff Ave Glenview Kido Meadow, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7000 ext 888	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$455,000

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8221 Thornhill Dr Montclair Eric Johnson, Prudential 510-338-8290	280/1BA	2-4/30	\$448,000
5477 Crane Way Jennette Miller David Olson, Prudential 510-338-8290	3 - 80/1BA	2-4/30	\$438,000
7108 Homewood Dr Montclair Ann Nicholas 510-338-4488 ext 218, Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$438,000
1212 Mountain Blvd Montclair Kathy Feyer 510-338-6460 ext 317, Pacific Union	280/2BA	2-4/30	\$438,000
3045 Frye St Oakland David Earl McCan 510-338-6480 ext 352, Pacific Union	-80/-BA	1-4	\$435,000
7 Veterans Way Diamond Terry Anthony, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2010	380/2 - BA	2-4/30	\$425,000
3834 Wisconsin Laurel, Duplex 2 1/2 & 1 1/2 Victor Harris 510-330-4700 Colwell Banker	-80/-Ba	2-4/30	\$418,000
1101 E 21st St Oakland Ann He, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2010	3 - 80/2BA	2-4/30	\$398,000
6849 Shepherd Canyon Montclair Carol Cohen 510-338-8800 La Salle Properties	384/1ba	2-4/30	\$398,000
2842 Rawson Maxwell Park Katy Phillips, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-438-4100	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$388,000
510-530 St H. Oakland Herb Moxer, Prudential 510-338-8290	380/2BA	2-4/30	\$380,000
3 Bereno Cir Redwood Hills "As Is" B. Tarkenton, Bosa 510-338-9900 La Salle Properties	284/2 - ba	2-4/30	\$375,000
3101 Sylvan Av Laurel Charlie Carls, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	380/1BA	2-4/30	\$375,000
69 Thousand Oaks Oakland Hills Barbara Rocco, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7000	280/2BA	2-4/30	\$359,000
816 54th St Temescal, Bld 12-4 Larry Barnes, Fred Sands Landmark Properties, 408-553-2571	380/2BA	11-4	\$355,000
280 Caldecott Ln # 224 Oakland Teresa Swift 510-652-2133 ext.140 Tompkins Laverette Co.	280/2BA	3-4	\$350,000
2501 22nd Open Sat & Sun Kathy Hirsch 510-814-4700, Harbor Bay Realty	3 units	3-4	\$348,500
59 Mortell St Piedmont Judith Cain, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	280/1BA	2-4/30	\$348,000
4108 Fontaine Ct Oak Knoll Lyle C Johnson 510-338-8800 La Salle Properties	384/1 - ba	2-4	\$348,000
1608-11 Julia Sts 2 Units Richard Mathis, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2010	-80/-BA	2-4	\$339,000
3836 Canyon Ave Glenview Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-8400	3 - 80/1BA	2-4/30	\$319,000
485-55th St North Oakland Don Cosgro, 510-338-4700 Colwell Banker	184/1ba	2-4/3	\$298,950
4039 Lyman Rd Oakland Joy Byrd, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7000 ext. 218	280/2BA	2-4/30	\$298,000
8421 Outlook Av Oakland Laraine Kelly, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2010	480/2BA	2-4/30	\$298,000
3051 Modesto Ave Maxwell Park Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-8400	3 - 80/1BA	2-4/30	\$298,000

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4321 Steele St Oakland Nancy Nicks, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7000	280/1BA	2-4/30	\$448,000
565 Bellevue #2001 Lake Merritt Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-8400	1800/3ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
1466 Adeline St Oakland Mary Dwyer, Prudential 510-338-8290	280/1 - ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
3821 Michale Laurel Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-8400	280/1ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
2840 Short St Laurel Terry Shattuck, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-438-4100	2 - 80/2BA	2-4/30	\$448,000
2840 Short St Laurel Richard Mathis, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2010	2 - 80/2ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
4834 Alameda Ave Maxwell Park Kathy Phillips, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-438-4100	380/1ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
220 Caldecott Ln #210 Portonoma Mike Marks, Prudential 510-338-8400	280/2ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
240 Caldecott Ln #205 Portonoma Hugo Bradstreet, Prudential 510-338-8400	280/1ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
1051 Sierra St Oak Knoll Carla Carr, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	280/1ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
1075-77 12th St 2 Units, West Oakland Richard Mathis, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2010	480/4	2-4/30	\$448,000
3212 Adeline West Oakland Frank Hammer, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-438-4100	280/1ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
2517 79th Ave RED OAK, 510-280-2138 Glens	280/1ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
1026 Pine St Open Sat & Sun Kathy Hirsch 510-814-4700, Harbor Bay Realty	280/1ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
1309 Campbell St Alameda Oakley Hill, Prudential CA Realty 510-834-2010	380/1ba	2-4/30	\$448,000

PIEDMONT

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431 Pacific Ave Piedmont Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-8400	1 - 80/3ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
90 LaSalle Ave Piedmont Elizabeth Dickson, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	480/2ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
50 Portmouth Rd Piedmont Katherine Cooper, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	580/3ba	2-4/30	\$448,000

RICHMOND

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629 Begler Ave Open Sat & Sun Derek Ratt, Wells & Co. 510-438-4100	-80/-ba	2-4/30	\$448,000
8037 Tehama Open Sunday Joan Underwood 925-859-2911 Wells & Co.	2 80/2 Ba	2-4/30	\$448,000

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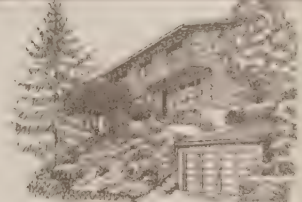
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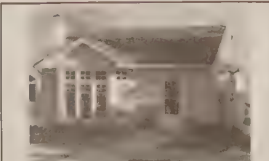
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Section C

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Focus on Sports

UNSTEIN, Page C2

UCP sent out letters to advisory coaches Frank Milo of El Cerrito and

Milo did acknowledge the fact the roster changes have happened more

frequently the past couple of years. "We had as many as seven or eight roster changes in a year and they have occurred with more frequency the last couple of years. "[I was hoping (UCP) they would

Milo has coached the Contra Costa All-Stars, once in 1971 when he was at Richmond High, and in 1985 when he was the El Cerrito coach. Other past coaches from the area include John Nules (El Cerrito, 1966), Ben Hammond and Steve Werren (El Cerrito, 1985), Dan Shaughnessy (1992, St. Mary's), Grover Garvin (Berkeley, 1967), John Martinez (Berkeley, 1974) and Anthony Freeman (Albany, 2000).

"This (Piedmont) game meant a

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STAFF REPORT

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On Tuesday, El Cerrito High School double and triple-teamed Richmond's Damien Carter, who entered the contest with a 29.2 points per game average, tops in the region. Carter had poured in 43 points on Jan. 19 as Richmond nearly upset El Cerrito before falling 77-74 in overtime.

See GALL

the victory.

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Braunstein

FROM PAGE C1

the days? The NCS, at least, has two games being played at the same location on Wednesday. We'll shoot both games and fans will get to see lots of great soccer. I realize with so many games, home sites are essential. But if you mix up the times and days more people can see more games, which means additional revenue for the sections and more exposure for the athletes.

One soccer game we could have missed was held this past Friday night. Hayward was playing Arroyo at Burrell Field for the Hayward Area Athletic League title. Hayward won the regular season crown, but lost to Arroyo on Thursday, forcing the point game. I had called Moreau athletic director Don Morneau, whose school was

hosting the match, earlier in the day to make sure the game would be played rain or shine. He guaranteed me it would.

"Unless there's lightning close by, we'll play," he said.

Our cameraman Mark Willis called the station at half time saying there was heavy rain, hail, and yes, lightning all around. My advice was stay away from the light poles and he'd be all right.

I have no idea if that's true, but it sounded good at the time.

The game ended in a tie. Smart league officials gave the title to Hayward and called the game because of the weather.

That's part III of why soccer doesn't get much coverage — it's too dangerous!

Robert Braunstein is host of KICU-TV's Sports Focus program, which airs Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and again Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

STANDINGS

NCS soccer pairings

2A Girls

First round

Wednesday's results

- Dublin 6, No. 9 El Cerrito (9-7-3) 1
- No. 7 Moreau Catholic (HAAL, 10-8-3) bye

Second round, Saturday

- No. 8 Dublin (Diablo Foothill Athletic League, 10-5-6) vs. No. 1 Carondelet (Bay Valley Athletic League, 17-1-2*), at De La Salle HS, 5:30 p.m.

- No. 5 Salesian (Bay Shore Athletic League, 16-3-0) at No. 4 Acalanes (DFAL, 15-3-2*), 5:30

- Moreau Catholic (HAAL, 10-8-3) at No. 2 Piedmont (BSAL, 18-2-1*), 7:30 p.m.

- No. 8 Las Lomas (DFAL, 10-5-5) vs. No. 3 Bishop O'Dowd (HAAL, 17-3-3*), at Burrell Field, San Leandro, 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals, Wed., Feb. 21
Championship, Sat., Feb. 24

2A Boys

First round

Wednesday's results

- Bishop O'Dowd 4, No. 9 St. Joseph (9-8-3) 0
- No. 7 Moreau Catholic (HAAL, 10-7-3) bye

Second round, Saturday

- No. 8 Bishop O'Dowd (HAAL, 11-7-3) at No. 1 Acalanes (DFAL, 14-0-6*), 7:30 p.m.

- No. 4 Northgate (DFAL, 11-4-5) at No. 5 Miramonte (DFAL, 11-5-4), 7:30 p.m.

- Moreau Catholic (HAAL, 10-7-3) at No. 2 St. Patrick/St. Vincent (BSAL, 13-1-2*), 7:30 p.m.

- No. 3 Kennedy (BSAL, 11-2-1) at No. 6 Las Lomas (DFAL, 9-3-6), 7:30 p.m.

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3A Girls

First round

Wednesday's results

- College Park 1, No. 9 Castro Valley (11-5-4) 0, penalty kicks
- Livermore 2, No. 7 Arroyo (17-5-2) 0

Second round

Saturday

- No. 8 College Park (DFAL, 15-3-3) vs. No. 2 St. Patrick/St. Vincent (BSAL, 14-0-2*), at Foothill HS, 5:30

- No. 5 Mission San Jose (Mission Valley Athletic League, 12-2-1*) at No. 4 Foothill (EBAL, 8-7-2), 7:30 p.m.

- No. 10 Livermore (EBAL, 10-8-3) at No. 2 Monte Vista (EBAL, 16-3-1), 5:30 p.m.

- No. 3 Amador Valley (EBAL, 13-3-1) at No. 6 Berkeley (ACCAL, 12-6-1*), 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals, Wed., Feb. 21
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3A Boys

First round

Wednesday's results

- Ygnacio Valley 4, No. 9 Hayward (14-6-4*) 1
- No. 10 Castro Valley 1, No. 7 James Logan (MVAL, 12-7-4), 0

Second round, Saturday

- No. 8 Ygnacio Valley (BVAL, 11-6-3) at No. 1 Monte Vista (EBAL, 16-2-2*), 7:30 p.m.

- No. 5 Mission San Jose (MVAL, 11-6-4) at No. 4 Amador Valley (EBAL, 13-3-4), 7:30 p.m.

- No. 10 Castro Valley (HAAL, 13-5-6) at No. 2 De La Salle (BVAL, 16-2-2*), 7:30 p.m.

- No. 3 Washington (MVAL, 15-1-3*) at No. 6 Richmond (ACCAL, 15-2-2*), 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals, Wed., Feb. 21
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Snow, hail — go ahead, make my day

Clint Eastwood looked out on Stillwater Cove on a balmy 81-degree day at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am two weeks ago and said, "I hope it rains like (heck) next week."

It not only rained — it hailed, it snowed. Beware of the Eastwood Curse.

But the sun came out again this week, and with it a sense that spring is right around the corner. Norma Arnerich and Connie Wendling were busy opening up the Alameda Junior Golf Club office in back of the pro shop at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex on Wednesday, getting ready for another very busy season.

This is the 10th year of the club, and memberships are still available.

"We have about 300 signed up so far," Arnerich said. "We can take a few more for this year."

The AJGC may well be the most successful junior golf program in the country, mainly because there is cooperation with ancillary organizations. No successful junior golf program stands alone, and Alameda has a tradition of commitment to junior golf, from the days of Earl Fry and Lucious Bateman.

The club has its tournaments, and members receive an NCGA handicap for the \$20 annual fee. The city cooperates by allowing resident juniors to play golf for \$1, non-residents for \$8. And there is a cut-rate on practice balls at the Lucious Bateman Driving Range in the afternoon, after school.



RON SALSIG

Range Rat

The pro shop, under Dana Banke and Matt Plumlee, has extended the tradition of the Saturday Free Junior Clinics to two days: Saturdays 9 to 10 a.m. and Thursdays 4 to 5 p.m.

Any junior golfer who needs equipment can get it free (and customized) at Jerry Berrow's Alameda Junior Pro Shop, located by the cart barn at the end of the parking lot. Berrow's program has grown since he incorporated as Junior Golf Resources.

These are the ingredients that helped Martha Burkard win the San Francisco City Championship at the age of 12, and Ki-Shui Liao win medalist honors, also at the age of 12.

The Alameda Junior Golf Club produces champions, but that is not its ultimate purpose. It is all about access to golf for any junior golfer, of any ability.

Applications to join the club are on the door of the office, in the back of the pro shop at the Corica complex. Or call (510) 521-4727. While you're in the pro shop, sign up for the free junior lessons at the counter. Or call 864-3428 to set a date. And by all means drop by the Junior Pro Shop at the other end of the parking lot.

Add it all up, the range rat is this: \$20, free, free, free, a better program than the PGA Tour. Right? East Bay. Non-residents of Alameda are welcome.

LINKS: The quality of the women's championships of the San Francisco City 3rd, Seniors, March 10-11th. Call rector Lance Wong 9911. All quality play will be at Lincoln. The Senior PGA Tournament San Jose March 12th with the Siebel Classic. Jack Nicklaus Croydon course. Nicklaus last week. For 999-5757. The Alameda Championship, April 2 (510) 522-8284.

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"Taking control definitely one of our

Berkeley 66, Alameda

Berkeley (19-5, 10-4) clinched the Alameda Athletic League crown a win over Alameda Berkeley. Louis R lowjackets with 2 five 3-pointers

St. Mary's 77, Mission

St. Mary's c straight undef season with mont in Bay play.

Playing in Berkeley Freeman paced St. Mary's (BSAL) with 17 points. Teammate John 13 points and six stars fell to 2-8 in league action.

Berkeley a 20-point lead, its largest of the game.

The Yellowjackets, however, failed to put the game away as the Spartans came back.

Pinole Valley forward Dawayne Hoskin, who scored nine of his 13 points in the final period, helped cut the Berkeley lead to nine with 3:25 remaining.

The Spartans, however, could get no closer than eight points (64-56) the rest of the way.

"We've been getting up 15 and 18 points," Berkeley coach Mike Gragnani said, "but we're not putting teams away."

Mike Gates, one of Pinole Valley's two remaining regular starters, led the Spartans with 23 points.

With the victory, the Yellowjackets move 3½ games ahead of both Pinole Valley and Alameda.

"It feels great," Gragnani said.

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DeLuca said.

"This" was the second game the Spartans (12-9, 5-3 ACCAL) played without three of its starters, lost for the remainder of the season due to academic ineligibility.

Berkeley took advantage the Spartans' missing starters early in the game, running the court for a 20-12 first-quarter lead.

The Yellowjackets' aggressive pressing defense quickly took over in the second quarter, holding the Spartans to just six points.

Pinole Valley managed one field goal and four free throws in the second period.

A Davis three-pointer with 5:45 remaining in the third quarter gave

Panthers

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to them. We had people playing out of position."

St. Mary's managed to hang with the Highlanders who, for some reason, brought their "C" game offensively. Piedmont was 16 out of 64 from the floor overall, and was five for 15 from the foul line in the first half. The Highlanders managed to play their usual desultory first quarter and were tied 8-8.

Amazingly, the Panthers kept pace in the second quarter as Heide Spurgeon and Jennifer Scott each had four points and the team went into the half down only 22-21. There was hope for the Panthers as long as the Highlanders slept.

But Piedmont's Katie Leahy decided to get offensive and it came at the wrong time for St. Mary's. The Panthers were still hanging around at 30-26, when the senior forward took over. Through a span that bridged four minutes through the third and fourth quarters, Leahy scored 10 straight points to none for the Panthers. The Piedmont lead bal-

looned to 40-26.

Steals and turnovers contributed to the fact that St. Mary's scored only five points in third period. Spurgeon had four of those points. A basket by Julia Parrish extended the Piedmont lead to 42-26 at the start of the fourth period before the Panthers staged a mini-comeback.

Amy Brennick got the first St. Mary's points in the fourth quarter with 5:06 left and Chante Cain scored the second of her three field goals in the period to bring the visitors to within 47-34 with a little less than two minutes left. Cain had six points in the period and Brennick had four for all the Panthers' points.

Post game:

WEARING ON YOU ... Piedmont shuttled in players right and left and simply wore down St. Mary's, which only had seven players suited up. The Highlanders used 11 players. Cain and Spurgeon each finished with eight points. Katie Leahy had 12 points for Piedmont ... The Panthers only shot nine free throws (none in the fourth quarter) and converted just two ... Piedmont was six for 21 from the line.

SCHEDULE ... The BSAL playoffs get underway Feb. 20.

quicker, but Cornejo capitalized on a tiny mistake for the win.

For this tournament, the 142- and 147-pounders wrestled in a combined weight division. Theadora Gould didn't win, but made a valiant effort against the stronger, more experienced wrestlers in this weight class.

In much the same manner, Eric Aki wrestled gamely against some very tough competition at 119 pounds. Aki's performance was made more remarkable by the fact that he moved up from 114 pounds. Aki willingly accepted the move as the 114-pound class overflowed with entrants.

One part missing from the tournament was the 132-pound competition. At most meets, Berkeley's Parker Robinson would easily dominate the field. But Robinson was out with the flu. Still, no other wrestlers showed up to compete in this class.

Wrestle

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from both sides of the Bay. For Berkeley, it also served as a tune-up for this Saturday's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championship tournament at St. Patrick's-St. Vincent High in Vallejo.

In other events, Kris Austin placed second at 127 pounds.

Sarah Rivera earned third place at 105 pounds in one of the most exciting matches of the day. Rivera was down 5-2 well into the third period when she pinned her Oakland High opponent.

At 114 pounds, Yellowjackets Carlo Cornejo and Dyamen Bey advanced to face one another in the consolation final. The two also were very well matched. Bey looked

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sponsors needed

Berkeley Youth Baseball is looking for sponsors for its upcoming season. Sponsorships are \$400 and must be received before March 1. Contact Berkeley Recreation Programs acting sports coordinator Harold Bennett at 644-6530 for more information.

El Cerrito baseball gala

El Cerrito Youth Baseball will kick off its 2001 season with an opening-day parade, ceremony and festivities on Saturday, March 3. The celebration begins with the parade, starting at 10 a.m. at El Cerrito High School. The parade will proceed northbound to Asbury Avenue to Moers Lane, ending at

Cerrito Vista Park. A hot dog lunch and ECYB T-shirts will be sold. For details, call 527-5603.

Softball clinic

Oakland Bobby Sox will offer its annual all girls clinic for players ages 7-15 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at John Marshall Field on Sunday, February 18. The clinic will be conducted by the St. Mary's College softball coaches and players. A mandatory coaches clinic will follow from 1-2 p.m. To get to John Marshall field, take the 106th Street exit off I-580, and proceed east up the hill on Malcolm. Players should bring gloves, tennis shoes and dress warmly. Call 339-7268 and leave a message with any questions.

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The Gauchos (9-7-3) drew within two goals just before halftime with the help of some persistent play from senior Katie Eames. After stealing the ball near midfield, Eames recorded El Cerrito's first shot on net in the 37th minute with a blast from the side that Gaels goalkeeper Kelly Beck punched away.

But three minutes later, Eames made no mistake as she caught the Dublin defense napping and fired home a shot to make the score 3-1.

Dublin quickly re-established control in the second half as Irwin completed the hat trick with a goal in the 46th minute. Samantha Cisneros and Mallory Lee rounded out the scoring for the Gaels.

Now the Gaels have the unenviable task of preparing for one of the top high school teams in Northern California.

"We'll give (Carondelet) a run for their money," said Dublin coach Ron Krumbach, who had his irvin dyed red and blue for the occasion. "We'll see what they've got. I know that a few of them we here watching us tonight."



WEST COAST CONFERENCE



Friday, February 16
Saint Mary's vs. San Diego - 7:35 p.m.
Saturday, February 17
Saint Mary's vs. Santa Clara - 7:35 p.m.

Bring a copy of this ad to receive 2-for-1 admittance to either of these games (general admission only).

For Tickets and Info. Call (925) 631-4392
www.SMCGaels.com

CONTRA COSTA TIMES

Arts

Sappy 'November' is still sweet

Reeves' believability and Theron's charm save this otherwise hackneyed flick

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

There are those for whom seeing "Sweet November," the new love story starring Keanu Reeves and Charlize Theron, would be a hellish punishment. And then there are those of us — mainly women — for whom it is a guilty pleasure.

We know it's bad, but we don't care. We'll plunk down our money for it the same way we buy *In Style* magazine every few months. It's a "Calgon-take-me-away!" kind of thing. Escapism. You either get it or you don't.

So maybe "Sweet November" should be judged on two separate scales. It's pretty dreadful, borrowing heavily from the more manipulative elements of "Love Story" and the more twisted aspects of the male-female relationship in "Pretty Woman," with a splash of "Dharma & Greg," cuteness. But as escapism, it's rather gloriously trashy, with two very appealing stars who look lovely while roaming beautiful San Francisco settings and falling in love in a way that people only do within the entertainment world. Sometimes, that's all you want.

It's a remake of an apparently much-loved but little-seen movie of the same name from 1969. The director is Pat O'Connor ("Circle of Friends"), who knows his way



KEANU REEVES plays a workaholic who is saved by a gregarious Charlize Theron in "Sweet November."

around romance. Theron plays Sara Deever, a charming woman who likes to take men under her birdlike wing for a month at a time and teach them how to be free-spirited and silly, just like her. She sleeps with them, feeds them vegan bacon and then, at the end of the month, the relationship ends, no strings attached.

She offers her November slot to an unpleasant workaholic advertising executive named Nelson (Reeves), whom she first meets while taking a DMV test. She believes he needs her help to loosen up and learn to enjoy life. It's unclear whether Sara requires all her patients to be total hunks like Nelson.

We're told only that Mr. October was extremely shy and that he graduated from the School of Sara early.

There's something inherently creepy about this whole arrangement, but Nelson doesn't put up much of a fight, beyond calling Sara

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Plays pop up in unconventional venues

Today's outing is going to take us offbeat in more ways than one. For one thing, some of the theatrical samplings of what's up and playing now and what's waiting in the wings are offbeat content-wise and production-wise from conventional stage fare.

For another thing, some of the shows and happenings are offbeat in the literal sense of being staged in venues off the beaten track of theaters usually visited on our East Bay rounds, from Berkeley to El Cerrito, from Point Richmond to Pinole.

Ready? Let's explore. A WORLD PREMIERE: "Rachel and Charlie" is a new play by Bay Area playwright Michael Brown. The world premiere is being presented by Berkeley's Many Rivers Theater Project at Yugen/Noh Space in the Project Artaud Complex, 2840 Mariposa St., San Francisco.

"Rachel and Charlie" has a timely poignancy about it that suggests it could have been written from some of today's news headlines. What happens when the world you've grown up in, believed in, done well in, begins to disappear?

Although "Rachel and Charlie" is described as first and last a love story, it is one painted on a canvas strewn with questions about growing old in rapidly changing times. Charlie, played by Terry Lamb, is a government agent who has been told he's too old to perform his job. Rachel, played by Gretchen Grant, is an ex-radical



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Community theater

who now wants to study dance. In a serio-comic turn of events, they've begun a passionate romance.

The third member of the cast is Lewis Sims as George, (aka Billy Bones), Charlie's boss and old buddy. During the play, Sims has to transform from George into two other characters: Rosalita Melen-dez and Johnny Little Red Bear, representing forces that propel the action and impact all three characters.

Not only is Brown's latest work having its first presentation at this time, this is also the inaugural season for Many Rivers Theater Project — a professional, multicultural theater company committed to working with theater artists (actors, writers, directors, etc.) and audiences from diverse backgrounds.

Brown, who is directing and producing his original play, says he and the company consider themselves to be based in the East Bay.

"The only reason we are opening in San Francisco," he says, "is there was no available space on this side of the Bay. I called everybody I could think of, theaters I had worked in before, and nothing was available."

It's a familiar and deplorable

plight for many East Bay theater companies that have been forced to "hit the road" to find a temporary venue for their productions.

Brown, perhaps best remembered for his work with the Moving Men Theater Company, which he co-founded, was out of the theater world for 14 years. "When I came back to it four years ago," he says, "like Rachel and Charlie and George, I found that the (theater) world had changed drastically."

"There's a bit of allegory for me in this script and I hope there is for anyone who's dealing with the unbelievable changes we're living through as we get older and try to hang on to our passions — or not."

This is an all-actor's Equity Association cast. Grant has been acting in theater, film and television for most of her life. Lamb has performed in various theaters from Marin to San Jose and with the San Francisco Mime Troupe. He also has numerous film credits. Sims has performance credits with various Shakespearean companies, the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre and the Eureka. As a voice-over artist, he has been heard on radio, television and a variety of CD-ROM games. He also has numerous film and TV credits.

Performances of "Rachel and Charlie" are at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 25.

Tickets are \$18 with a special pay-what-you-can performance on Feb. 22. Call 415-621-7978.

A TAD OFF OF OFF: This one is a little more offbeat than most —

perhaps we should call it off-off-beat. It's a one-performance-only continuation of Arnie Passman's year-long run of a dozen "Conversations in Commedia" one-nighters launched in January.

This one is at 8 p.m. Feb. 28 at La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Once a month — on the last Wednesday — Passman's creation brings together pairs of comic players, radical theater elders and the like. They come from such local performance icon groups as the San Francisco Mime Troupe, Del-l'Arte Players, Vaudeville Nouveau, Pickle Family Circus, Make-A-Circus — well, you get the idea.

These veterans of the comic arts show up at La Peña and regale audiences with memories of fun and games, hijinks and tomfoolery going back 20, 30, 40 years.

It's a here-and-now treat for an evening and a personal tribute to a particular brand of show business and some of its finest practitioners.

The February chat features conversations between — yes, the audience is invited to join in — Ron Davis, S.F. Mime Troupe founder, and legendary clown Wavy Gravy. Moderator for the evening will be San Francisco State University professor of dramatic arts Joel Schechter, author of "Durov's Pig: Clowns, Politics and Theater."

Davis was head honcho of Epic West, a Brechtian theater in Berkeley in the 1970s.

Gravy is remembered (among

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Jewish music concert benefits Torah fund

BERKELEY — "Unexpected Jewish Music: Invocations & Tangos," a concert to benefit the Adam Cooper Memorial Torah Readers' Fund of Congregation B'nai Shalom, will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.

The concert will feature Frank London, composer and trumpet player with The Klezmatics, and Adrienne Cooper, a Yiddish vocalist whose work has been featured on film, radio, television, theater and recordings. Rob Schwimmer, a world-renowned symphony soloist and pianist with Jay and the Americans, will accompany London and Cooper.

The program will include work from London's CD "Invocation" and Cooper's CD "Ghetto Tango." Both performers will showcase their new collaboration, "Esn — Songs from the Kitchen."

The fund was established to perpetuate the memory of teen-ager Adam Cooper who, despite a neuro-

logical disability, celebrated a computer-assisted bar mitzvah. It provides ongoing engagement of young people in Torah reading after bar and bat mitzvah.

General admission tickets are \$25; benefit sponsor tickets at \$50 include priority seating and a free CD. Since seating is limited, reservations are recommended by Thursday.

For tickets and information, call 925-944-0931, or mail the number of reservations needed and a check made out to Congregation B'nai Shalom, 74 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

'Bride' performances continue at theater

EL CERRITO — Contra Costa Civic Theatre continues its performances of the comedy "There Goes the Bride" by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, and directed by Michael Ray Wisely.

The production, which opened Jan. 19, tells the story of a father who, on the morning of his daughter's wedding, gets a hard bump on the head, causing him to imagine he can see the "Flapper Girl" featured

in the ad campaign he is working on. The vision becomes a virtual reality as he begins conversing with the girl that nobody but the audience can see.

Performances are 2 p.m. today and 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 24.

Tickets are \$10 general, and \$6 for youths 16 and under with current identification.

Call 510-524-9132.

Gallery exhibits works of artist from Berkeley

BERKELEY — The Red Oak Gallery is presenting an exhibit of paintings by Berkeley artist Pamela Markmann through March 25.

The exhibit, "Still Life and Landscapes," is a reflection of her 30 years as a professional artist working in pencil, ink, wax crayon, oil, sculpture and watercolors. Works are for sale.

Markmann has served as board member and gallery coordinator for the Berkeley Art Co-op and in 1978 founded the Berkeley Art Center Association.

The gallery, located inside Red

Oak Realty, 1891 Solano Ave., is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For information, call 527-3387.

Young cellist debuts at symphony concert

RICHMOND — The Kensington Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Lloyd Elliott, will present its third concert of the 2000-2001 season at 8 p.m. Feb. 24.

The program includes the Overture to Hansel and Gretel by Engelbert Humperdinck and Symphony No. 1, Op. 38, "Spring," by Robert Schumann. Cellist David Requiro, who won the Symphony's Young Soloist Competition last November, will make his symphony debut as part of his prize for the annual competition. Requiro, 16, who attends Crowden School in Berkeley, will be performing Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in B minor by Antonin Dvorak.

The concert will be at First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St. Suggested donations are \$10 general; \$8 seniors; and children are free.

For more information, call 510-251-2031.

EVENTS

Cody's Books —

Becky Thompson, Feb. 20. The author discusses her book "Mothering Without a Compass: White Mother's Love, Black Son's Courage."

Alison Gopnik, Feb. 22. The author discusses her book "The Scientist in the Crib: What Early Learning Tells Us About the Mind."

Carol Field, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. The author reads from her book "Mangos and Quince." At 1730 Fourth St.

Events are free and start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-7852

Marcus Book Store —

John Rickford, Feb. 16. The author discusses his book "Spoken Soul: The Story of Black English."

David Anthony Durham, Feb. 22. The author discusses his novel "Gabriel's Story."

Jenoyne Adams, Feb. 23. The author discusses his novel "Resurrecting Mingus."

Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 652-2344.

REI Berkeley — through Feb. 22. A series of lectures on hikes and outdoor equipment.

"Rivers of the World," Feb. 22, 7 p.m. Author Pamela Michael gives a slide presentation of nearly 100 of the world's great rivers.

Free unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-4140.

Grand Lake Oakland Certified Farmers Market — Ongoing. A chance to buy local organic produce and baked goods.

Free. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MacArthur Boulevard and Grand Avenue, Oakland. (415) 456-FARM or (800) 897-FARM.

Jack London Square Farmers Market — Ongoing. A chance to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, baked goods, and more. Free. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jack London Square, foot of Broadway, Oakland. (510) 814-6000 or www.jacklondonsquare.com

Disney On Ice —

"75 Years of Magic," Feb. 21 through Feb. 25. An ice show featuring the characters from Disney movies through the years.

\$12 to \$36. Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Oakland Arena, 7000 Coliseum Way at Interstate Highway 880 and Hegenberger Road, Oakland. (510) 762-2277.

"The Healing Power of Haiku" — Feb. 22, 7 p.m. The Japan Society of Northern California and The Breast Cancer Fund present an evening of poetry, music, Japanese food and sake tasting to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer in the U.S. and Japan.

\$10. Takara Sake USA Tasting Room, 708 Addison St., Berkeley. (415) 986-4383.

Madcat Women's Film Festival — Feb. 23, 7 p.m. A showcase of independent and experimental shorts from around the world.

\$5 general; \$3 students. Dantforth Hall, Art 120, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 636-7432.

A.C.C.I. Gallery — "My Bulgaria," through Feb. 28. A cultural exhibit of children's art from Bulgaria.

CLOSING — "Naked," closing Feb. 17. The Annual State Art Competition joined by Pasha Refat.

Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527.

Allice Arts Center — "Zongulda," through Feb. 28. An exhibit of works by Julia Kay, Frost Newton and Patrick O'Kerley.

Free. On view 24 hours daily in the front windows. 1428 Alice St., Oakland. (510) 238-4948.

California College of Arts and Crafts —

"Contemporary Cabinet of Curiosities: Selections from the Vicki and Kent Logan Collection," through March 3. This exhibit offers a collection evocative of wunderkammer, the 17th century "cabinet of wonders" that preceded the modern museum.

Free. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oliver Art Center, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. (415) 551-9210.

Creative Growth Art Center — "King Louis and The Queen of Hearts," through March 2. A solo retrospective of works by Louis Estape.

"Mask," through March 2. An exhibit of the 2001 Limited Edition Print Portfolio.

"Memoriam," through March 2. A memorial exhibit of works by Manuel Corra, Kim Rossi and Nelson Tygart.

Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Feb. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. (510) 836-2340.

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BILL MANN

Media Notes

It's a jungle around here

Here, Kitty Kitty: It's possible to watch too many PBS and cable-TV animal shows, I've recently decided. If you're a heavy viewer of nature shows, you need to make a clear distinction between television nature and the genuine article. Park rangers can tell you about city folks who act

restlessly and put their lives in danger out in the wild. I almost did the other day, and I'm not even an amateur. Explanation: We live in a rural area on the edges of the Bay Area. Eight or 10 deer live in our back field, more or less permanently. Last year, one fawn even moved in under our front porch and regularly

headed the hell out of our UPS and FedEx couriers. They'd show up with a package, and the deer would get spooked and bolt. Prey. Then, last year, wild turkeys began appearing in our little valley. A

first, and that was great. But then, without any predators to thin the herd, it's up to 50 or so gobblers. They neighbor the vineyard. Deer hates them because turkeys love his grapes. (Around here, we're partial to pinot noir). And if you sized wild gobblers get in your garage or onto your deck, it's a big-time.

Our local turkeys were once interesting oddities, but they've increasingly become pests. The big birds can fly, too — just enough to cover our garden's deer fence. And they're noisy — you can hear a male's call a mile away. I hear a lot of them as I'm writing this, in fact about 100 yards away in a neighbor's field.

The Wall Street Journal recently ran a weekend piece on the increasingly popular sport of wild-turkey hunting, noting how elusive

the gobblers are (although they look awesomely stupid), and how hard they are for hunters to track. The Journal piece said some hunters are paying \$500 a custom-made wild-turkey call. I don't want to hunt them. I want them to go away. More

and when you have prey, of course, you usually get predators. Occasionally (usually when it's a full moon) we'll hear coyotes howling over in the next valley about a half mile away. But they almost certainly because of the excess venison and white turkeys running around here, the

gobblers have started coming down our valley. They are handsome beasts. So far, I've only seen them in the wild, but this was

about 250 yards away from the car, stood a full-grown mountain lion, his eyes glowing eerily. I couldn't believe my eyes. My grip on reality was gone. I'd seen cougars hunting times on "Nature." I even saw a picture of one as my computer screen saver. But here was a genuine article. Still, somehow, I register fully that this was a cougar in the flesh. I'd seen

cougars in the wild, but this was a cougar. I did I read the other direction. No, like an idiot, I stopped, and my car jumped out, and I was approaching the big beast, and predictably, the big cat ran off, heading to a nearby creekbed. I'd

seen a closer look — and video proof I'd actually seen a mountain lion. (I'd never seen a lion in the wild before). A few days later, I realized this had been a really stupid plan. Still, it had been even dumber — I'd been suicidal — to pursue a cougar into the bushes.

But this cat story, Martin

proof the big cat I'd foolishly pursued was for a meal: An hour later, I was calling. He'd found a

hole in the wall, which he said was the entrance of a mountain lion. I've seen a cougar had been in his direction when I

was not exactly a stranger

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Calendar

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at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 19. Arianna presents a guided meditation instructor who gives a guidedbook in "Calling Our Spirits Home," a map to growth and transformation. The free presentation features a breath meditation exercise. Call 644-0861 for more information.

Alameda Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents The Last Poets at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16. After three decades of performing, publishing and recording, the group is regarded as the originators of "rap music." The Last Poets are Umar Bin Hassan, Abiodun Oyewole and drummer "Babuland." The program includes special guests Los Delicias. Admission: \$12 advance, \$14 drop-in. Call 649-2558 for more information.

James and Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave., presents author Leonard Chang reading from his latest novel, "Over the Mountains: A Novel of Intrigue," at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Chang is the award-winning author of "Disfranchisement from the Cold," and "The Fruit of the Loom." The event is free. Call 644-1861 for more information.

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Webster Way. This computer scans and reads text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available to anyone with a disability that requires the use of access point material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the reference desk at 644-8648 to set up a training session.

Meetings
Kingington-El Cerrito Congress of Republicans meets on Friday, Feb. 16. The dinner meeting takes place at the El Cerrito Restaurant, 12020 San Pablo Ave., Richmond. Speaker is Martin McManis, a republican activist who will speak about the inauguration of George W. Bush. Dinner reservations are available by calling 524-5689. Cost: \$14. A cash bar begins at 6:15 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Call 235-2000 for more information.

California Retired Teachers Association, West Contra Costa Division #58 holds a lunch meeting at noon on March 6 at Lake's Methodist Church, 3200 Barbra Ave., Richmond. The program features a presentation by Annie So about her grandfather, a Chinese gold prospector in Australia and New Zealand, and a recent trip to those countries in 1999. Price: \$9. Lunch reservations are required. Call 234-3046 on March 2 for more information or to reserve.

Ready Resume, is the topic in a Career Management Seminar at the Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Get expert advice on how to prepare a job resume. This workshop is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Membership to the YCA is \$15 for one year. For more information, call 848-6370.

Water Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share slides and prints, and learn what

other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1989 for additional information.

The YWCA offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of work-

shops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters, The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing. Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, (415) 461-5337, \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6856.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music
Berkeley High School Jazz Band performs at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. The performance is a part of the center's Black history celebration. Call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107 for more information.

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra presents a family concert at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 24 at Yerba Buena

Center of the Arts Forum, San Francisco. Maestro Kent Nagano leads the orchestra with a program that consists of two world premieres, both Berkeley Symphony commission. Luna Tree and Bramentown Musicians by young French composer Jean-Pascal Bentus. Luna Tree was inspired by the campaign for saving the old-growth redwood trees in Northern California and the legend of Julia Butterfly Hill. Bramentown Musicians is based on the fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm about a group of domestic animals who fled their cruel master to become musicians in Bremen. Tickets: \$8 for children, \$15 for adults. For ticket or information call 841-2800.

University Symphony Orchestra begins its spring semester with the two winners of the Concerto Competition held at UC Berkeley last fall. Roger Moseley performs Brahms' monumental piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor on Friday Feb. 23, and Betty Wu performs Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor on Saturday, Feb. 24. Both performances begin at 8 p.m. at the Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. Also on the program for both nights is UC Professor Cindy Cox's De Rerum Natura, a work that takes its name from the poetry of the Roman philosopher Lucretius, and Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet Ballet Suite. Tickets: \$8, \$6 and \$2. For ticket information, call 642-9988. For other information, call 642-4864.

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1677.

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Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m., no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave. \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

Popular Outdoors Sports Traps (POST) conducts a freshwater canoeing course beginning with a pool session at the Richmond plunge from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26. There will be three Saturday sessions at Lafayette Reservoir from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 3, 10 and 17. There will also be one evening class on Friday, March 16. A \$60 fee covers required permits, pool use, and textbook. All students must be able to tread water or float for three minutes, be at least 13 years old, and be able to carry one end of an 80-pound canoe. Class size is limited. For more information or to register, call Win Hepler at 845-8356, Ida Meikle at 925-935-7821, or Lu Pearson at 548-1922.

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The PETITION requests the decedent's will and the will to be probated. The will and codicils are available and can be examined by the court.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate of the decedent under the Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking any such measures, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested parties. The notice may be waived or consented to the proposed action.)

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Arlington Community Church invites you to join the chorus for upcoming concert

For the second year, the choir of the Arlington Community Church is inviting people who wish to sing to join them when they sing Schubert's "Mass in G" to the choir. Leslie Moorjani, the choir director, will lead the choir. The choir is beginning rehearsals on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the church choir room. The choir is open to everyone and everyone is encouraged to join.

Leslie Moorjani says they tried it for the first time last year, when they sang "Requiem." She says that people from the community and everyone enjoyed it. This year, she hopes to make it more fun because the area is full of people who love to sing, and love to sing with large, eager groups, as in the popular "Messiah" every year. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 and, as the last hour will be spent re-

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

hearing the Mass in G. At that time people from the community, who wish to join them, can join the rehearsal. Moorjani says other members of the congregation, who do not wish to sing regularly in the choir, but do love to sing, will also join them.

Mary Freeman, a lyric soprano, will be the soloist for the performance.

Leslie Moorjani has been working with the Arlington Community Church since 1993, after some years with a church in Castro Valley, where she played the organ and directed the choir. "Such a long commute," she said with a sigh. So she applied for a job with the Arlington church and was happy to receive it. "Such nice, friendly people," she says, "and there is a lot of

good, good music in the choir."

Leslie Moorjani — then Whitmore — lived in upstate New York in a small town called Keeseville. She began piano lessons when she was in the third grade, and by the time she was in the fifth grade she was accompanying the school choir, which she continued doing through the 12th grade. She also performed a lot in competitions and other events. "But," she complains, "I was always playing and didn't get to sing."

She attended Crane School of Music, majoring in piano and organ, and earned her degree in music education. She later got her master's in the organ, at San Francisco State, after she married a man from San Francisco and moved with him to California. She has a daughter from that marriage. Crystal is a music student at San Francisco State. Crystal was in the Young Musicians Program for some years, and spent a year in Panama

as an exchange student.

Music was natural for her, Leslie says. Her grandmother was a musician. In fact, she also directed a choir.

Leslie Moorjani says she didn't go directly into teaching. She went to Jamestown, N.Y. (near Chataqua) where she worked in a music store. She says she learned a great deal, and taught a children's class in keyboard techniques. It was a good learning experience, she says, especially about teaching methods. It was not long after that she married and moved to San Francisco.

When she did go into teaching she taught P.E. as well as music. She did substitute teaching, earned her Masters, and played at many churches before finally taking a job with the church in Castro Valley. She is now married to Lachu Moorjani, who is an engineer turned restaurateur. He loves to cook and finally left the lab to make that his career. He opened his own restaurant, the

Ajante, a popular Indian restaurant at the top of Solano Avenue.

Leslie Moorjani is obviously a woman who has it all together. She is doing the work she loves, is proud of her daughter and of her husband, and delights in his success in his second career.

The Arlington Community church is located at 52 Arlington Ave., and, of course, the rehearsals will be held there. Interested people are invited to call Leslie Moorjani at

843-7745.

Thank you, Margaret May, for telling me about Leslie Moorjani and the choir. It sounds like great fun. And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your input: Interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

Calendar

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Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a program that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus. The program meets on Tuesdays by appointment and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, or a message for Anne Levine.

Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden, presents regular tours, on days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays on special tours by appointment. Call 841-6732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

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The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

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plus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and

Breast Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call ((408) 954-8600 or visit www.balf.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

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"What is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Prigato Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional

information

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8228 for Berkeley location.

Religion

Pacific Center for Spiritual Formation presents lecturers Marcus Borg and Huston Smith at 9:30 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way at Dana. For more information, call 415-383-1552.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m., in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

Theater, Dance & Film

Berkeley Folk Dance and the Folk Dance Federation of California present "Festival of the Oaks," Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Live Oak Park Recreation Center, 1301 Shattuck, at Berryman. Registration: 9:45 p.m. Caribbean and Latin American Circle and Partner dances presented by Susan Cashion: 10 a.m. to noon, \$6. Membership meeting at

noon, \$6. International Folk Dancing from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., \$6. Exhibition at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Full day \$10. Full-time students \$2 per event. For more information, call Mel Mann, 527-2177 or e-mail, melmann@aol.com.

Imhotep Dancers perform at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr Way. Call Maggie or Suzanne, 644-6107, for more information.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya perform at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16 and 17 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Price: For more information, call 642-9988, or visit the Web site at www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

The Actors Ensemble of Berkeley uses its production of "The Merchant of Venice," through Feb. 24, at the Actors Ensemble, 1800 Broadway, with discounts for groups of 10 or more. For reservations call

Many Rivers Theater presents its production of "Rachin' It In," through Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Many Rivers Theater, 1800 Broadway, at 7 p.m. The performance is at the Yugen/Nog Space at the Artaud Complex, 2840 Mission Street, San Francisco (between Mission and Divisadero). Tickets: \$16, Thursday 15 and 22 are Pay-What-You-Wish scale. Previews: \$10. For more information, call 621-7978.

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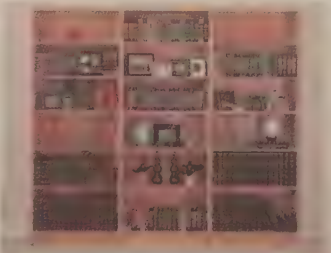
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Section D

Classic Classics Willys wagon provides the ideal wheels for the teen driver [D2]

Drive, She Said

By Denise McCluggage

Classic car auctions not phased by stock market

Uncertain economic prospects might be slowing sales of new cars, but Craig Jackson's find even a blip in the way old cars were selling — some going for up to \$100,000 for a 70-year-old car.

There are extenuating circumstances: A \$1-million dollar car was a Duesenberg Murphy convertible, and it sold at a prestigious Barrett-Jackson Classic Car auction, a mid-January fixture in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Two Shelby Cobra 427s went in the quarter-mile range, and a Ford GT 40 Mk1 sold for \$472,000.

People were stepping up and paying for well-documented quality cars," Jackson said at a post-auction luncheon. He is president of the auction company, his father, Russ, and Tom Jackson, founded in 1971.

A large number of sellers set no reserve and did not suffer for it, not a characteristic of the dump market. "It seemed the worse the market got, the more bidder requests came," Jackson said.

It is the 30th anniversary and the auction has grown to an automotive extravaganza with a vendor pavilion, a daily au-



VOLVO'S S60 is more spacious inside than the impression its aerodynamic exterior conveys. The S60 sedan has the dynamic appearance of a coupe, yet none of the functional struggle of a two-door.

Sporty S60 sleek as a coupe, functional as a sedan

Find the auto maker's name in this cryptogram: revolution. It's Volvo, and they're proud of a revolutionary new sedan called the S60.

"What makes this vehicle so different from other compact sedans is that — as Volvo describes it — the S60 is "first and foremost a coupe with four doors." Volvo describes it as the modern sedan. The auto maker goal with the S60 is to go after younger buyers who want the nimble, quick performance of a coupe, but need some of the practicality of a sedan. The starting

prices for these 2001 models range from \$26,500 to \$31,800.

Volvo's S60 is more spacious inside than the impression its aerodynamic exterior conveys. The S60 sedan has the dynamic appearance of a coupe, yet none of the functional struggle of a two-door. For example, rear seat occupants should be able to enter and exit with ease, and have adequate head- and leg room. Sloping body lines hide many of

Keane on Wheels

By Connie Keane

the facts behind the S60 which give this new sedan its interior comfort. Compared to its predecessor, the S70, this

new sedan has a 2-inch longer wheelbase, but is 5.7 inches shorter in length. This sporty front-wheel drive sedan is available in three powerplant and two transmission choices. All three engines are transversely mounted five-cylinders. The base model is a normally-aspirated 2.4-liter with

168 horsepower at 5,900 rpm and 170 lb.-ft. of torque at 1,700 rpm. Two other engine choices are turbocharged.

The 2.4-liter, light-pressure turbo five-cylinder model comes standard with a five-speed automatic transmission and is expected to be the volume leader of the S60 lineup. This powerplant generates 197 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 210 lb.-ft. of torque at a very low 1,800 rpm. The five-

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1948 Willys is friendly ghost from man's teen years

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

Thornton Race didn't want his teenage son, Rick, to be in danger as he motored to high school in Abington, Pa., so he provided a sturdy second-hand 1948 Willys station wagon.

The steel-bodied vehicle had the nose of a military Jeep and was powered by a 134-cubic-inch L-head, four-cylinder engine that produced 63 horsepower. It was a strong, slow car, ideal for a teenage driver in a suburb on the North side of Philadelphia.

Rick Race recalls that as a young driver he was happy to have any kind of transportation. "It was like driving a refrigerator," he recalls.

Often he would take his date, Suzanne, in his Jeep to high school to watch the Abington Galloping Ghosts in athletic contests. Race had a license plate on the front bumper attesting to his allegiance to those Galloping Ghosts.

Life moves on, and the wheels were eventually run off the old Jeep. Race married Suzanne. Life was good and in 1996 it got better. That was when Race saw a maroon 1948 Willys station wagon at a service station near his home. The steel sides painted to simulate mahogany and birch paneling looked pretty good. It was in great shape, so he inquired if the Willys was for sale. The owner replied in the affirmative but said he had agreed to sell it at an auction.

As Race inspected the car more closely, his memory was flooded with long-forgotten incidents involving the similar car of his youth. From the nine-bar grille in front to the "Willys Overland" indentation in the rear bumper and everything in between. This 1948 station wagon was captivating.

Race happily overlooked the fact that the brakes were bad, the 6.70x15-inch tires were shot and the paint was marred by scratches.

Rick Race decided right then, "It is coming home." Armed with information about the auction, he went home to share the good news with his wife. On the November day of the auction in 1996, Race was there early to give the Willys a once-over. He noted the



MOTOR MATTERS

THE 1948 WILLYS wagon was considered more of a truck than a car — a 53-year-old SUV.

odometer had counted only 38,000 miles since 1948. He also spied two prospective buyers discussing bidding strategy and how high they thought they should go for the vehicle that cost \$1,645 when new.

Race entered the conversation and simultaneously ended it by announcing he was prepared to bid five times more than they were. He was determined to become the third owner of the remarkable Willys. After the bidding dust had settled, a victorious Race had the station wagon trucked home.

All of the instrumentation is located in a panel in the center of the dashboard, just below where the two pieces of the windshield meet. In the center is the 80-mph speedometer. Clustered around that gauge are the fuel, oil, temperature and ampere gauges. Along the lower edge of the dashboard are the choke, ignition, map light and a steel plug where an optional cigarette lighter would have gone.

Both doors are equipped with an

armrest, window crank and push-button door release. The Jeep station wagon was in good company because the luxurious 1948 Lincoln Continental also had a similar door-release button.

The steering wheel is dressed up with a full horn ring, even though the vehicle when new was considered more of a truck than a car. "It's really a 53-year-old SUV," Race said.

The 63-horsepower engine is assisted on the highway by the overdrive unit to keep engine speed down while keeping road speed up. Race had a new clutch installed. With the engine rebuilt, he reports that it performs like it did in 1948.

Because the vehicle sets so high, storage room is available beneath the front seat. Access is through a drawer in the step-down area when the door is open.

When the tailgate is lowered, the single taillight, mounted on a swivel bracket, swings down so it con-

tinues to be aimed to the rear. When the tailgate is open, a pair of steel rods on each end offer support. When the tailgate is closed, those steel rods rattle constantly when the station wagon is in motion.

Nine longitudinal oak slats protect the steel floor against cargo being slid in and out. Attached to the right side of the cargo bay is the spare tire, which Race is proud to say, is the original tire that came with the Willys.

Race kept that Abington Galloping Ghost plate from his first Jeep. Although the plate was terribly beat up, he had it restored and now displays it on the front of the station wagon to the delight of his wife. "I was a Galloping Ghost," she says.

"Besides being a trip down memory lane, we use this car," Suzanne says. "We brought our Christmas tree home in it last year," Rick affirms. The odometer is now approaching 43,000 miles and, at the Willys' current rate of use, the end is not in sight.

Drive

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mobilia auction and gala events. "There's a lot of entertainment there," said the busy impresario.

Fast action and a bright carnival atmosphere sets Barrett-Jackson apart from the August Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California, but the two are tent pegs on the calendar of any classic car buff.

The Barrett-Jackson founders were car hobbyists long before the auction became a business, so Jackson came by his "car-guy" zeal honestly. He collects and restores old cars both for show and for go. His favorites for eye appeal are the French classics, such as the rococo Fignon et Falaschi Delahayes. For messing

about in, he prefers muscle cars, such as his 1969 ZL-1 Camaro.

Which collectible cars are currently in greatest favor? Jackson doesn't "see people getting tired of the 1950's convertibles any time in the near future." This era is the one Baby Boomers relate to most personally. The American classics of the pre-WW II era such as Packards and Caddies and Lincolns, were "a little soft" in that the bidding took longer.

What had the bidding leaping upward? Hot rods. Some reached the \$80,000 and \$90,000 level "in seconds." A Boyd Coddington hot rod (1934 Ford 3-window) went for \$130,680.

Jackson was a bit surprised that hot rods were this hot. Six months earlier he had told a California group of motoring journalists that there was an inherent problem with the homegrown specials. "What did this one start as?

Who built it? How safe is it?" But nothing has stopped the zooming interest.

"Amazing," Jackson calls the hot rod rage. Who's buying the cars? The most fervent Hot Rod bidders range "from early to mid-50's." They know what they want and the bid to get it.

Ferraris, once the elicitors of the same heated bidding, seem to be peaking. It's a comfortably high place with no threats of sharp plunges, but prices are a far cry from the 1980's when investors, rather than true collectors, were the bidders.

People buying cars as an investment are the ones who send the car market on dizzying roller coaster rides and most of them have left the building.

"I don't think [collectors] if their stocks go down a little are going to care one bit." They buy their cars to have fun with, to race in vintage races or to drive in the increasing number

of vintage car tour and rallies from California to New England, Colorado to Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. Convertibles of any age seem to retain their bloom in the eyes of the buyer. Pick-ups enjoyed a 100 percent sales rate.

What didn't move well? "In any era of cars, it's the four-door sedans that are the casualties."

Celebrities fared well in parting with their machines. Jerry Seinfeld's 1957 Porsche Carrera GT race car brought \$92,880 (highest for any Porsche sold). Local Phoenix art gallery owner and twice Indy winner, Arie Luyendyk, sold his 1999 Ferrari 360 Modena for \$151,200.

Mr. October, a.k.a. Reggie Jackson, did well in January, drawing \$157,680 for a rare 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300 S Cabriolet. Cecil Fielder's 1961 Chevrolet Impala SS convertible went for \$49,680.

Keane

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speed automatic features "winter" mode for low-speed starts on slippery roads.

The third engine choice — the model I test-drive — is called the T5. It performed fabulously on the highways; a light touch to the accelerator rocketed the S60 sedan like no other compact model I've driven. The T5 is

fun to handle with its standard five-speed manual transmission and very responsive high-pressure turbocharged engine. The 2.3-liter engine produces a terrific 247 horsepower at 5,200 rpm and 243 lb.-ft. of torque at 2,400 rpm.

The S60 T5 is equipped with Stability Traction Control which monitors wheel spin and reestablishes traction if wheel slip occurs. A sport suspension is optional on the S60 T5, and so is a five-speed automatic transmission with a manual selection system called Geartronic.

The S60 models come equipped with head airbag protection through Volvo Inflatable Curtain. IC deploys from the headliner covering the side windows in the event of a side impact. Side airbags, front airbags and Whiplash Protection Seating come standard with the S60 sedans.

All three engines are classified as Low Emissions Vehicles and receive near identical EPA ratings for fuel economy. Both the automatic and manual transmission models have city and highway fuel ratings of 21 and 28 mpg.

The exception is the T5 with the automatic transmission which has a city/highway rating of 20 and 27 mpg.

Included in my tester's base price of \$31,800 were several luxury appointments such as driver and front passenger eight-way power seats, tilt and telescopic steering wheel and dual zone climate control. Audio and cruise control functions illuminate on the steering wheel.

Volvo set out to revolutionize the compact sedan market. The S60 is the coupe that just might do it.

SPECIFICATIONS

2001 VOLVO S60 T5

VEHICLE TYPE	5-passenger compact
	FWD sedan
BASE PRICE	\$31,800 (as tested: \$37,575)
ENGINE TYPE	20-valve DOHC
	five-cylinder turbo
DISPLACEMENT	2.3-liter
HORSEPOWER (net)	247 at 5200 rpm
TORQUE (lb.-ft.)	243 at 2400 rpm
TRANSMISSION	5-speed manual
WHEELBASE	107 in. 2717 mm
TREAD (front/rear)	61/61 in. 1549/1549 mm
OVERALL LENGTH	180 in. 4572 mm
OVERALL WIDTH	71 in. 1803 mm
HEIGHT	56 in. 1422 mm
TURNING (curb-to-curb)	38.7 ft. 11.7 m
CURB WEIGHT	3,146 lbs. 1427 kg
FUEL CAPACITY	21 gals. 79 L
EPA MILEAGE RATING	21 city, 28 highway
ASSEMBLY PLANT	Torslanda, Sweden
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Once the child reaches the appropriate age and weight to face forward in the back seat, the camera can be turned to view the vehicle's cabin. Donnelly calls this CabinVue.

ReversAid is a Donnelly exterior camera vision system which uses an unobtrusive camera mounted on the rear of the vehicle to pro-

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By Gary McCoy

vide a better view of what's behind the vehicle. Depending on the angle of the camera, ReversAid can be modified to become TowChek, to assist drivers backing up to a hitch without the assistance of a second person.

Each of the products uses a small flip-down hideaway screen that is mounted on the vehicle's rearview mirror. Donnelly's camera system utilizes the latest technology to provide a clear, sharp image and does the job with more functionality than traditional cameras used for home camera systems.

Donnelly has also developed a smaller viewing screen that does not compromise the quality of the image being displayed, or compromise the interior of the automobile. The technology uses a fraction of

the power of more traditional systems, and the small screen prevents drivers from having to look away from the road for extended periods of time.

While consumers can install the VideoMirror Camera Vision System products themselves, professional installation is recommended. The in-cabin and exterior camera products are currently available on-line at www.donnelly.com at a combined price of \$649, which includes free shipping and handling. Sold separately, the in-cabin and exterior cameras are \$500 each.

■ A Las Vegas company is rolling the dice that a new device it has developed will cure the rollover tendency of SUVs, pickup trucks and vans. Amtech Corp. is marketing RollGard, an add-on stabilizer for the suspension that helps prevent leaning in a turn. Inspired by motor racing technology, the device was developed by Peter Bryant, a veteran automotive engineer and consultant to Amtech who learned his trade first as an engineer in Formula 1 Indy car and Can-Am road racing.

"Almost the only way you can roll one of these vehicles over with our device in play is to trip it by sliding into a log or a rock or a high curb," Bryant said. "Most of the accidents that are baffling auto manufacturers and safety officials originate from common maneuvers on the street or highway without hitting any object at all."

There are 80 million SUVs and light trucks in use today, and they are all subject to the same roll-over tendencies. We believe RollGard will help prevent these accidents and make the ride smoother and safer, even for drivers who don't know how close they routinely come to having an accident."

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■ The Cellport 3000-VR lets you keep your hands on the steering

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Sport utility owners should analyze the word TREAD

SUVs don't belong everywhere. Regardless of TV ads, SUVs do not drive on rooftops, skyscrapers, quicksand or the Matterhorn — among a myriad other of locales. And every 4WD buyer should learn that simple truth.

Sure, the best vehicles are built to crawl over mountains, to ford streams, to cross deserts, and to conquer nature's tougher designs. But off-roading means more than aiming a truck off the pavement. It's more than fat sixteen-inch tires, a monster V8, and a heavy-duty suspension. And it's a lot more than rolling over every inch of God's green earth.

Smart off-roading requires experienced driving, common sense,

Ties On the Road

By Christopher Keane

and — here's a word not often associated with the SUV crowd — restraint. These concepts are best summarized by the principle philosophy of off-roading: Tread Lightly!

Tread Lightly! began in the mid-'80s as a U.S. Forest Service program to promote low-impact recreation by outdoor enthusiasts. Since then, it has become a nonprofit organization uniting government agencies, corporations, user groups, and concerned individuals with a common care for our

wilderness. Currently, most manufacturers of off-highway vehicles — including Land Rover, Jeep, Subaru, GM, Ford and Toyota — are active in this effort.

And last month, the Bureau of Land Management drafted its National Off-Highway Vehicle Management Strategy requiring the "use of Tread Lightly! as formal guidance in day-to-day activities."

Of course, some people still think trucks and ecology mix like motor oil and spring water.

But Tread Lightly! shows that four-wheeling and environmental awareness are not mutually exclusive. In truth, driving through the backcountry while being environmentally responsible is not difficult. It takes only common sense and a few rules.

The acronym TREAD sums up the basics:

T means Travel with minimum impact

Be certain that the trails you plan to drive on are open for sport utility vehicles. Trails designated for SUV travel were built to withstand that kind of heavy use, but a wide vehicle on a narrow hiking path can quickly damage both the trail and your vehicle.

Don't take shortcuts or cut switchbacks, since these will destroy the vegetation and invite others to follow suit.

R stands for Respecting the environment and the rights of others

Loud engines and noisy behavior detract from the peace and solitude of the backcountry, so give others the space and quiet you would appreciate.

Driving near someone's campsite is not appreciated. Take special care when encountering horses or hikers. Pull off to the side of the trail, shut off the engine, and let the horses or hikers pass.

E is for Educating yourself

Know where you're going. Travel maps and other information are available from the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Ask them for the best routes through the area you're planning to

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travel. Know the local laws and regulations. On private land, obtain the owner's permission before driving. Stay on designated trails. Avoid those areas sensitive to scarring only where the trail crosses a river bed.

A means Allowing for the future use of the outdoors

Leave it better than you found it. Stay on designated trails. Avoid those areas sensitive to scarring only where the trail crosses a river bed.

Traveling in a stream damages aquatic life. Hiking on a steep slope can cause erosion. Climbing may be a once tire ruts are essential permanent scars will remain.

Subsequent rain can erode the scars. Responsible use is essential to protect the future use of the outdoors. Be sure to stay on designated trails so that vehicle proximity adds stress to animals and plants.

D means Discovering the rewards of driving responsibly

We buy four-wheel vehicles for many reasons. Off-highway is one of the beauty of the backcountry freedom of the open trail magic of wildlife are enjoyed by everyone.

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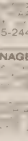
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Oodles of noodles: Looking at a staple of Asian culinary life

By Beverly Bundy
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Starches have always been the primary component of Chinese meals — vegetables and meat add flavor and variety. So it's not surprising that in their importance, noodles have been afforded a great deal of artistry and invention — fascinating for the knowledgeable, puzzling for the rest of us.

Here's a guide to the wonders of the Orient.

ASIAN NOODLES

Chinese noodles:

—Bean thread noodles, also called cellophane or glass noodles: These clear, dry noodles are made from green mung beans — hence the "bean" in the name. These should be soaked in warm water before serving as is, or added, only briefly, to a cooking dish. Available in many sizes, from bean vermicelli (tiny noodles in bundles) to longer lengths in wider sizes.

—Rice noodles, also called rice sticks in the broader sizes: These dried noodles are made from rice flour and are available in many sizes, from the tiny vermicelli to small, medium and large widths. They're also available in nearly endless dried ribbons. These should also

be soaked before cooking.

—Fresh noodles: Rice noodles: Made with rice flour and water and precooked, they need only to be added to dishes and heated. Look for them near the won ton skins in refrigerator cases at Asian markets. These are also available in sheets, and are the wrapping for "cheung fun," a dim sum standard.

—Egg noodles, also occasionally called stir-fry noodles: If you've ever had lo mein, these are the noodles in the dish. They're made with wheat flour and the addition of egg. Add to boiling water to cook (but only for seconds, literally.)

Japanese noodles:

—Somen: Fine white noodles made from wheat flour and water and a touch of water. Like soba noodles, these are often served cold with a dipping sauce.

—Udon: Usually fat, round noodles made with wheat flour. There are some flat udon noodles, as well. Preferred in Osaka and western Japan, these have a soft but slightly chewy texture.

—Soba: These are thin noodles made with 80 to 90 percent buckwheat flour, plus some wheat flour to make them less crumbly. They're easy to pick out because they're a taupe color.

Using your noodles

The best way to understand these noodles is to first cook them in their native manner, in dishes for which they were originally intended. After seeing their characteristics, feel free to adapt them to your family's own dishes and menus.

Shrimp and Cucumber Sunomono Salad

Serves 4

2 ounces bean thread noodles
½ hothouse or English cucumber, peeled
2 cups water
1 tablespoon salt
6 ounces cooked, peeled shrimp
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
1 cup ginger sunomono dressing, recipe follows

In heat-proof bowl or pot, cover noodles with boiling water and soak for 5 minutes. Drain and chill.

On a cutting board, slice cucumber in half lengthwise. Cut into paper-thin slices.

In mixing bowl, combine water and salt. Add cucumber slices and soak for 15 minutes. Drain, pat dry with paper towels and chill.

Just before serving, divide noodles into four bowls. Cover noodles



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STARCHES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A PRIMARY COMPONENT of Asian meals, so noodles have been given a great amount of artistry. Variations include the flat, round Japanese Udon, buckwheat noodles and whole wheat noodles. Cook them in their native manner, in dishes for which they were originally intended. After seeing their characteristics, feel free to adapt them to your family's own dishes and menus.

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Jambalaya: an authentic Louisiana favorite

An authentic seafood jambalaya like the one below can call for two dozen or more ingredients, but it's not a difficult dish to make well.

One of Louisiana's two most popular shellfish specialties (the other being gumbo), jambalaya is readily expandable for larger gatherings and forgiving enough to fit almost any time schedule.

SUCCESS TIP:

— For the most flavorful seafood jambalaya, use a home-made stock prepared with fish and shellfish in preference to water, bottled clam juice or chicken broth.

For Mardi Gras or any other celebration that calls for plenty of good Louisiana-style fare, consider jambalaya. Like gumbo, different versions of jambalaya are common to both Cajun and Creole cooking.

This one takes its authentic taste from the smoky, spicy Cajun sausage known as andouille and a Cajun seasoning meat (a type of ham) called tasso.

Both meats are available in specialty food shops, larger supermarkets, and through mail-order and Web-based catalogs.

FISH AND SEAFOOD JAMBALAYA

- 2 bay leaves
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground red pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 1/4 teaspoons white pepper
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 1/2 tablespoons chicken fat or butter
- 2/3 cup chopped tasso or other smoked ham (about 3 ounces)
- 1/2 cup chopped andouille smoked sausage or smoked pork sausage such as kielbasa
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 3/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 4 cups peeled and chopped tomatoes (fresh or canned)
- 3/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1 recipe Seafood Stock (see below)
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 2 cups uncooked rice, preferably converted
- 1 pound firm-fleshed fish fillets, cut in bite-sized pieces
- 18 oysters in their liquor (medium sized, about 10 ounces)
- 18 medium shrimp (about 1/2 pound), peeled and deveined
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. In a bowl, prepare seasoning mix by combining bay leaves, salt, red pepper, oregano, white pepper,

black pepper and thyme. Set aside.

3. In a 4-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt fat. Add tasso and sausage; saute until crisp (5 to 8 minutes), stirring frequently.

4. Add onion, celery and pepper; saute until tender but still firm (about 5 ell).

5. Add seasoning mix and garlic; cook about 3 minutes, stirring constantly and scraping pan bottom as needed.

6. Add tomatoes and cook about 7 minutes, stirring frequently.

7. Add tomato sauce; cook about 7 minutes more, stirring fairly often.

8. Stir in Seafood Stock and bring to a boil. Then stir in green onion and cook about 2 minutes, stirring once or twice.

9. Add rice, fish, oysters and shrimp, stir well, remove from heat.

10. Transfer mixture to ungreased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Cover pan snugly with aluminum foil; bake until rice is tender but still a bit crunchy (20 to 30 minutes). Remove from oven. If there is still liquid in the bottom of the pan, let pan sit a few minutes, still covered, to allow rice to absorb the liquid. Remove bay leaves.

11. Serve 2 cups of jambalaya per portion for a main course or 1 cup as an appetizer.

Serves 8 as an appetizer; 4 as a main dish.

This stock for jambalaya calls for a mixture of shellfish and fish carcasses. If you're short on time, simmer the stock only 20 to 30 minutes; it will still produce better results than using plain water.

SEAFOOD STOCK

- 4 cups water
- 3/4 to 1 pound (about 5 to 6 cups) rinsed shrimp heads and shells, crawfish heads and shells, crab shells, rinsed fish carcasses (heads and gills removed) in any combination
- 1 small onion, unpeeled and quartered
- 1 small rib celery
- 1 small clove garlic, unpeeled and quartered

Place all ingredients in large saucepan; bring to a boil over high heat; reduce heat and simmer gently at least 4 hours, replenishing water as needed to keep about 2 cups of liquid in the pan. Strain, cool and refrigerate until ready to use.

Makes about 2 cups.

Noodles

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with cucumber and top with shrimp. Pour 1/4 cup dressing over each salad and garnish with sesame seeds. Serve immediately.

Ginger sunomono dressing:

- 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 1/3 cup rice vinegar
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1/2 cup chicken stock
 - 2 tablespoons finely grated gingerroot
- In small, nonreactive saucepan, combine sugar and vinegar. Stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat, add remaining ingredients and mix well. Allow to cool before serving.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 122 calories, 1 gram fat, 19 grams carbohydrates, 7 grams protein, 61 milligrams cholesterol, 528 milligrams sodium, 11 percent of calories from fat.

— "New World Noodles," by Bill Jones and Stephen Wong, (Robert Rose, \$17.95)

Assorted Meats and Seafood with Udon in Miso Soup

Serves 4

- 5 cups chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons red miso paste, see Note
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 3 slices gingerroot, 1/4-inch thick
- 12 ounces udon noodles
- 4 ounces barbecued pork, sliced (or substitute any cooked meat you have on hand)
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, halved
- 4 stalks broccoli, cut into 2-inch lengths
- 8 large shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 6 large scallops, cut crosswise in 3 slices
- Salt, to taste
- 1 teaspoon Japanese seven spice pepper, see Note

Note: Miso is a fermented soybean paste. It is available in several colors and strengths. Rich miso is most frequently used in soups and stews. Find it in the refrigerator case at Asian markets; it will keep almost indefinitely in your home refrigerator.

Seven spice pepper is a combination of chile pepper, black pepper, ground orange peel, sesame seeds, poppy seeds, hemp seeds and powdered nori (dried seaweed). Coarsely ground black pepper can be used as a substitute.

In a large saucepan or soup pot, combine chicken stock, miso paste, sesame oil and ginger slices; bring to boil. Cook for 1 minute. Add noodles and cook until al dente. Using a slotted spoon, transfer noodles to a soup tureen or 4 bowls. Arrange pork slices and eggs on top.

Add broccoli to broth; bring to boil and cook for 1 minute. Add seafood, return to boil and continue cooking for 1 minute. Season with salt. Ladle soup mixture over noodles, sprinkle with the seven spice pepper and serve immediately.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 476 calories, 10 grams fat, 62 grams carbohydrates, 34 grams protein, 199 milligrams cholesterol, 2,292 milligrams sodium, 18 percent of calories from fat.

"New World Noodles" Thai Noodles (Pho)

Serves 4

- Noodles: 2/3 pound dried rice vermicelli, preferably medium width
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon minced onion
- 1/2 shallots, thinly sliced
- 2 teaspoons ground beef
- to taste, see Note
- 6 tablespoons ketchup
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 3 cups bean sprouts
- 3 scallions, sliced into 1-inch pieces on the diagonal
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion

Note: Chile paste is a mixture of red chiles, including ground up with vinegar. It is sold in the condiment section of Asian grocery stores.

Fish sauce (nuoc mam) and "nam pla" (the soy sauce of those who adds a richness that is not anchovies). Look for it in the condiment section of Asian grocery stores.

Bring 2 quarts of water to a rolling boil. Cook noodles for 5 minutes, then rinse under cold running water to ensure the noodles are free of the pungent chile odor.

Drain noodles and spread out to dry for 5 minutes. The noodles will stick together, but don't be alarmed.

Meanwhile, heat 2 tablespoons oil in a wok or stick saucepan over medium heat.

Add garlic, shallots and onion and allow to sizzle until about 30 seconds.

Add ketchup, sugar and salt and reduce heat to 1 minute.

Add 2/3 cup chicken stock and reduce heat to 1 minute. Stirring frequently, simmer for 3 to 5 minutes. Add tablespoons of the sauce aside.

Add noodles to wok and stir, gently separating them. Turn often and saute until just tender, about 5 minutes.

Add bean sprouts, peanuts, fold into the move from heat and serve.

Topping:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 small yellow onion, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

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After we sat down for dinner, the variety of dishes on the menu overwhelmed us. A selection of appetizers such as eggplant Napoleon, cajun chicken strips with romaine lettuce wrap and grilled tiger shrimp were good additions to the regular caesar salad, spinach salad and soup, all served with fresh baked bread. Variety of entrees included chicken dishes such as Chicken Marsala, Chicken Florentine, Chicken Curry, and many more. Pasta favorites such as Fettuccini Carbonara and a special

Jambalaya Pasta are among many. Beef and Veal dishes such as Pepper Steak, Mediterranean Beef, New York Steak, Veal Chops and Osso Buco are also on the menu. In the seafood side, they had plenty of Salmon and Shrimp dishes. The Blackened Salmon caught my eye. But the most impressive of all was the wine list. I counted more than 300 varieties of wine from popular wineries such as Beringer, Kendall Jackson, BV to Cakeread Cellars, Staalin, Silverado and Thomas Fogarty to a collection of French and Italian wine highlighted by Chateau LaFite. And some 20 different varieties of champagne which included Schramberg, Gloria Ferrer to even Dom Perignon. They even had Louis Roederer Crystal. But even more interesting was that I could go in the wine cellar and see the selection and pick the wine I wanted. By the time we got to dessert, it was the moment of truth. I could hardly wait to taste some of those pastries I had seen. I had the Tiramisu and living up to my expectations, it was absolutely scrumptious. It was the best I had ever eaten with a glass of port and espresso. It was certainly a breathtaking dining experience. Our return for a Sunday brunch with a special menu only confirmed our previous thoughts, as my friend said, "This is the best Sunday brunch in this area." If I gave one star for each: ambiance, food, wine list and pastry, I would say we have a 4-star restaurant in downtown Walnut Creek.

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Noodles

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½ pound raw medium prawns, peeled and deveined
2 cups broccoli florets, blanched, shocked in ice water and drained
1/3 cup low-sodium chicken stock

Heat the 1 tablespoon oil in another nonstick pan over moderate heat. Add broccoli, reserved sauce and the 1/3 cup chicken stock. Sauté until soft and aromatic, about 1 minute.

Add the prawns. Toss in pan until they turn opaque, about 2 minutes. Add broccoli, reserved sauce and the 1/3 cup chicken stock.

Cover and cook until vegetables are thoroughly hot for another 2 minutes.

Garnishes:

¼ cup coarsely chopped roasted unsalted peanuts, optional
Fresh chopped cilantro
4 lemon wedges

To serve, portion noodles onto individual dinner plate and top with the prawns and broccoli stir-fry. Garnish with peanuts, cilantro and lemon wedges.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 540 calories, 16 grams fat, 84 grams carbohydrates, 17 grams protein, 81 milligrams cholesterol, 1,556 milligrams sodium, 27 percent of calories from fat.

—“The Best of Vietnamese & Thai Cooking,” by Mai Pham (Prima, \$18.95)

Velvet Chicken Lo Mein
Serves 4-6

Chicken mixture:

1½ boned, skinless chicken breasts cut into matchstick strips (to make 1 cup)

¼ teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon cornstarch

½ teaspoon soy sauce

About ½ egg white

Bring 1 quart water to a boil.

Meanwhile, combine all ingredients and toss well.

Immerse chicken in boiling water. Turn off heat at once. Stir to separate pieces. Let chicken blanch in water for 1 minute. Pour into colander. Rinse thoroughly in cold water to prevent further cooking. Drain.

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 teaspoons finely minced fresh ginger

1 tablespoon minced garlic

6 Chinese dried mushrooms: Soak in hot water until spongy; discard stems, shred caps

2 cups shredded Napa cabbage

Heat wok over high heat, then swirl in oil. When oil is hot, drop in ginger, garlic and mushrooms. Stir-fry until garlic turns golden. Add cabbage and cook until soft; add blanched chicken. Mix well.

Sauce mixture:

½ teaspoon sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon dark soy sauce, see Note

2 tablespoons oyster sauce

2 teaspoons sesame oil

¼ cup water

Note: Dark soy sauce is really no

darker than regular soy sauce, but it is thicker. You can tell the difference when you tilt the bottle and watch the liquid at the neck of the bottle. The thicker soy sauce takes longer to drain down into the bottle. Try the soy sauce marked “mushroom” soy sauce.

Combine all ingredients and swirl into chicken mixture and stir-fry for about 30 seconds.

½ pound fresh egg noodles, pre-boiled for 15 seconds only and drained in colander

4 scallions, cut into 1½-inch length, including some green part

Add noodles and scallions. Turn heat to medium. Stir and toss for about 2 minutes. Serve.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 286 calories, 11 grams fat, 34 grams carbohydrates, 14 grams protein, 54 milligrams cholesterol, 578 milligrams sodium, 34 percent of calories from fat.

—“The New Classic Chinese Cookbook,” by Mai Leung (Council Oak Book, \$26.95)

The history of noodles

By Beverly Bundy
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

The Chinese were eating wheat noodles as early as A.D. 200. By the end of the Han Dynasty, the emperor was known to eat boiled noodles. And it was soon thereafter that the omnipresent street noodle vendors began plying their trade. The north, the colder regions, is the home of the wheat noodle. In the south, where China grows most of its rice, that is the staple grain and hence the home of the rice noodle.

Noodles most likely evolved from China's massive exploration during the Han period around the birth of Christ. The Persians had flour mills, which the Chinese observed and adopted. Turning their grain into flour made sense for the Chinese, who have always fought fuel scarcity. Noodles cook much quicker than unrefined grains.

In Thailand, noodles are the only dish eaten with chopsticks. Everything else is eaten with a fork and spoon. Korea is the only Southeast Asian country that doesn't use chopsticks for noodles. Everything is eaten with a spoon. And the Chinese habit of drinking directly from the bowl is considered very improper in Korea. To the Japanese, who are world leaders in diplomacy, loud slurping and drinking of noodles is quite polite. Unlike the rest of Southeast Asia, and despite their own reliance on rice, the Japanese don't eat rice noodles.

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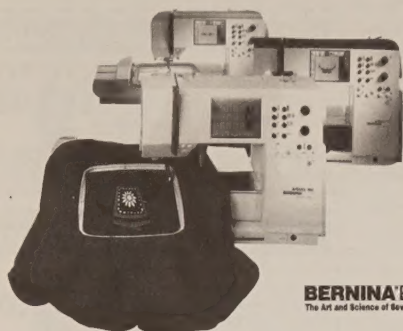
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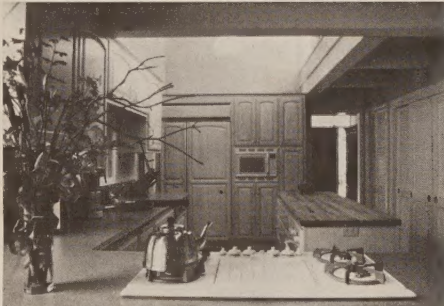
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By Susan Rich

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Often, when seniors lose their spouse or driving presents more challenges, they become isolated and lose contact with friends. It is difficult to remain socially active when transportation to events and situations where friends can meet are not readily available. The good news is many new upscale Senior Living Communities, such as Carlton Plaza, can provide a rich resource for social interaction, opportunities to make friends and transportation to events, to assist in maintaining or restoring an active lifestyle.

Tilley York and Will Barry will testify to the dramatic change in their lifestyles and positive attitudes. Will, a native San Franciscan, who grew up in Mill Valley and later worked as a lithographer, discovered living alone was a challenge. Will and his family began exploring options and discovered Carlton Plaza of San Leandro, a beautifully appointed Senior Living Community, which offered a myriad of services.

Tilley, who was a native of Oakland, graduated from Roosevelt High and raised four children, found herself in a similar situation. Tilley, with the help of her family, also moved into Carlton Plaza to take advantage of the tapestry of activities available. She was especially enamored with the beautiful gardens and courtyards, lush with flowers and greenery, that provided the opportunity to pursue one of her favorite hobbies, horticulture.

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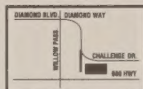
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